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MAYOR DONOVAN'S MID - TERM ADDRESS

SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

JANUARY 3, 1955

In the true Christian spirit, I extend to **you** and all the citizens of Somerville, my sincere best wishes for a **healthy, happy, peaceful** and **prosperous** New Year.

The eventful year of 1954 has been, **not only** a period of orientation and planning, but one of accomplishment as well.

In my inaugural address, I pointed out my objectives; and have constantly tried to attain them. When we review the accomplishments of this past year, we recognize that such a full program was made possible only through the combined efforts of a large number of individuals, boards and committees working together in harmony.

To the Board of Aldermen and the School Committee, I extend my sincere thanks for the support and cooperation they have given me. To the many Boards, Committees, Civic Groups and Service Organizations who have labored in my behalf, I extend my sincere thanks and public commendation for their untiring efforts.

Above all, I wish to publicly express my appreciation for the increase in work and enthusiasm shown by our regular City employees. This is a most hopeful omen for the future of our City.

I have utilized to the fullest degree our **existing facilities** for the **protection, advancement** and **enhancement** of the lives of our citizenry. To the best of my ability, I have introduced into the custodianship of Somerville's affairs, the elements and practices of sagacious and progressive business management.

The process of city government is one of continuity, it does not begin on a particular day, nor end at a particular time. It requires constant, vigilant watchfulness on the part of the officials charged with its responsibility.

When I assumed office last January, I faced many problems, some new, others that had been developing over a long period of time. Among the latter was the strong feeling against the use of pin-ball machines in corner stores and liquor establishments. To break through the maze of debate and uncertainty clouding this issue, I determined that a positive and aggressive act was necessary. I, therefore, as Chief Executive of the City, ordered all pin-ball machines to be removed because of the public clamor, and their potentially harmful influence on the children of our City. With the **full cooperation** of the Board of Aldermen, the Legal Department and the Police Department we were, then, enabled to establish definite control over these mechanical devices. The practically **universal acclaim** on the part of our citizenry following this action, has been a source of much comfort and satisfaction to me.

At the beginning of the year 1954 the City was faced with the monumental task of finishing the actual construction of the new Public Works Building, and organizing, developing, equipping and administering the new Department of Public Works, which was to absorb the former Highway, Engineering,

Water Works, Electric Lines and Lights and Building Departments. Since the new building was a capital improvement and no money available, I asked and received from the Board of Aldermen approval of a bond issue to finish this work.

To coordinate the activities of the various divisions of the new department required a firm hand and a man of experience. The City has been extremely fortunate that I was able to procure the services of Walter J. Manning as Public Works Commissioner. He has introduced **integrated procedures** which have increased efficiency, and eliminated needless duplication.

The value of this new department was brought home to me on those fateful days, August 31st and September 11th, when we experienced the terrible storms known as Hurricanes Carol and Edna. Repeated trips around the City revealed many thousands of feet of wire on the ground, poles toppled, others at dangerous angles, uprooted trees blocking streets and lying against houses, our streets littered with debris and building wreckage, and our people in dire distress. I immediately issued instructions to all Department Heads to do everything in their power to relieve the suffering, distress and inconvenience visited upon our people by these terrible storms, and to start the great task of restoration at once. The speed and precision with which our crews tackled this gigantic job, will always be a source of deep satisfaction to me. I am indeed proud of our workmen and our people, for their splendid conduct in those most trying times.

Prior to my taking office, an architect had been retained by the previous administration to prepare plans for two new elementary schools:—An eight room school to be built on the Capen Street site, and a twenty-six room school to be built on the Meacham Street site. I have carried this project steadily forward and have received approval of plans by the State School Assistance Commission with a resultant substantial saving for our taxpayers. Both of these schools are now under construction, and it is our plan to complete them in time for the opening of school in September 1955. I faced many ob-

stacles in the furtherance of this plan, but have succeeded in resolving them one by one. The completed buildings will be welcome additions to the community.

I have asked and received from the Board of Aldermen approval to raise funds to build a third sorely needed elementary school. Drawings for this third school have been prepared and submitted to the State School Assistance Commission for approval. I confidently expect to start construction of this building early in the spring on the **Site of the old Pope School**. I intend to push construction of this school just as fast as possible, to eliminate hardships being endured by families in that area, and needless expense being borne by our City.

In my inaugural address last January, I stated that the primary objective of this administration would be to develop a program of proper maintenance and rehabilitation of the City. I also stated that ordinary maintenance should be, as nearly as possible, on a pay-as-you-go basis. Adhering to this policy during the past year, we have purchased five badly needed Fire Engines consisting of two Hose Wagons, two Pumping Units and one Aerial Ladder Truck. To date, we have received four of these units, and expect delivery of the fifth unit before spring.

We have purchased for use by our Police Department four new patrol cars. Three of the four patrol cars are of the station wagon type, and are outfitted for use as emergency ambulance units, an innovation for our City of Somerville.

We have purchased six new trucks for our Sanitary Department and in addition have rebuilt two Sanitary Department trucks.

We have purchased a new truck to be used by the Recreation Department.

I wish to emphasize; all of this automotive equipment I have just named has been paid for from current revenue. This is real pay-as-you-go procedure.

The rehabilitation of our buildings is progressing as rapidly as possible, consistent with the money available for this part of our program. To date, twenty-four classrooms in our school buildings have been completely renovated and redecorated. A new classroom has been constructed in the Cummings School. Another new classroom is now under construction at the Forster School for the use of special class pupils. In addition, cafeterias at the High School, The Trade High School, The Northeastern Junior High and The Southern Junior High have been redecorated and new bench type tables are being built to relieve congestion in the High School cafeteria. This week we are starting to redecorate the Western Junior High School. Room 10, the upper hallways and the art classroom of the High School have been repainted. Three classrooms and the assembly hall have been repainted at the Bingham School, in addition to the one room that was renovated and redecorated. The G. A. R. Hall under the High School gymnasium has been completely renovated, and a new floor laid for the **express benefit** of clinics for disabled children. The Dental clinics have been redecorated and new Dental Units installed. Four of these Dental Units were procured from the Surplus Property Division of the State Department of Education at no cost to the taxpayer.

Since it has become evident that we are earnestly and sincerely trying to improve our facilities, others are lending a most welcome hand. For example, the pupils of the Trade High School are painting and helping with maintenance in their building, and the firemen at Engine 5 and Engine 7 have redecorated their buildings. This is a healthy sign and I feel this type activity will spread rapidly.

In the interest of further economy and increased efficiency, the Treasurer's Department has purchased and put into operation a new payroll machine. As the operators become

more proficient in the use of it, further economies will be effected. I hope to introduce machine bookkeeping in some of our other Departments in the near future.

The Welfare Department's quarters have been completely renovated and enlarged. The entire lower floor of the City Hall has been turned over to this Department. This new arrangement provides a reception center where applicants can be interviewed, and records processed with greater privacy and more expediency.

In taking further steps to rehabilitate our City, I have initiated a tree removal, sidewalk replacement, and street repair program, together with the reconstruction of the Prospect Hill Tower, the installation of modern and efficient lighting in the Central Library, and the construction of a new Honor Roll. We have greatly improved our storm drain system and installed **modern new pumps** at the Medford Street underpass. It is my intention to constantly expand and increase our facilities until the nuisance of flooded streets, poor sidewalks and unkempt appearance becomes a thing of the past.

Recognizing the necessity of providing adequate facilities for an expanded recreation program, we have developed Trum Playground as a multiple use area. Field lighting has been installed at both Trum Field and Glen Street Playgrounds, which has provided extended hours for recreational activities. Further development of the Conway Playground has been started and it will be available for many activities this coming year. The Club House at Lincoln Park has been enlarged and completely rebuilt, including the installation of modern shower facilities. Our next objective will be the development of neighborhood Play Spots and Tot Lots. One of the key factors behind Somerville's low rate of juvenile delinquency, is our progressive supervised recreation program.

Operational costs of government are still increasing. Salary increases and rising costs of supplies and materials have re-

sulted in approximately a \$134,000 increase in our school budget for the coming year. State legislation is responsible for a large portion of the substantial increase in our Welfare budget.

I feel very strongly that increases forced on **municipalities** by our State Government, should be lessened by financial assistance from the State. I will leave no stone unturned in pursuit of this additional assistance, and I urge our worthy Representatives and Senators to The General Court to study zealously, the proposed refinements in home rule that will come before that august body this year.

As your Mayor, I have not spared myself in thought or effort to improve our City. I have kept abreast of all activities involving our City, and am available at my office in City Hall to any citizen. I have worked diligently to administer the City prudently.

The Department Heads have dedicated themselves to their work and have rendered faithful service to the extent that a goodly number worked right through their vacation periods.

I know that every person in the City is interested in the tax rate for this year. It is impossible, at this time to even predict actual figures. **However**, you have my solemn promise I will do everything possible to hold or reduce our present tax rate.

In the past, in the metropolitan press, the most noticeable characteristic of Somerville news has been noisy politics. Loud blasts about small or imaginary items have seemed more common than discussions on basic **fiscal, physical or social problems**.

Some visitors to our City have remarked, that Somerville appears to be an indeterminate mass of tired, one, two and

three family houses, many in fairly good condition, some in a deteriorating condition.

While it is true that Somerville is an old City, it has **many, many** years to live. Its convenient location with public transit facilities available, has attracted many people to purchase their homes here. There are some 13,000 residential structures in our City. Some 9600 of these are owner occupied dwelling units. This means, that better than two-thirds of all residential structures have an owner living in them. This is a very healthy situation, and an ideal setting for the City wide **Clean Up** and **Fix Up Program** we are about to launch.

While there are no current figures on the extent of mortgage in relation to the equity of owners, it is obvious, that sincere public officials **can not allow the life savings of these owners** to fall by the wayside if any alternative action may be taken.

Decades of neglect, carelessness and lack of adequate planning have created conditions, the cure of which, requires vigorous action if our City is to regain its status as a place for satisfactory living, based on present day standards. Accordingly, with my inauguration I took immediate action to focus the attention of all our minicipal departments on their responsibility to rehabilitate and spruce up our City. Particularly significant has been the appointment of a "Special Advisory Committee on Improved Housing Standards" which has been able to bring together at the staff level various aspects of our problems. Particularly, they have brought out the fact that **expanded programs** will be required.

Although all this took place early last year, it was before the passage of the Housing Act of 1954, and is a recognition on our part, of the rightness of legislative requirements that we study our own problems and capabilities, and take effective action on our own.

With the passage of the Housing Act, I directed representatives of the Advisory Committee to bring together our accomplishments and plans, in the belief that we had a **"workable program for urban renewal"** in Somerville.

Their report showed that we did not have the means to prevent blight, eliminate sub-standard conditions or to spruce up the City within the limits of our financial capabilities. However, we shall **implement** the "workable program" report so that we may ultimately achieve our goal, a City of stable residential neighborhoods that provide **"A suitable living environment for an adequate family life"**.

I submitted this program to the administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Washington for approval as the first step toward our goal.

On December 29, Mr. James W. Follin, Commissioner of Urban Renewal and Slum Clearance Division, Federal Housing Authority, came to our City and presented to me the Certification of Approval which qualifies the City for Federal Aid.

We can now proceed as planned and within the period of the next two years, I am sure that this program will be the most significant enterprise **ever undertaken by the people of Somerville**.

This past week brought realization of another project dear to my heart.

I have received approval for the construction of modern, comfortable and convenient homes for our elderly citizens. This will fulfill my promise, not to overlook our aged. Seventy-five of these desperately needed units will be under construction by Spring. In addition, 42 units of federally financed public housing will be erected on Highland Avenue on vacant land near School Street.

With God's assistance, and a common dedication of purpose among our governmental bodies, we will overcome the many obstacles and problems ahead, and this coming year will bring us closer to the day, when Somerville will be recognized as one of the most progressive Cities within the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN,
Mayor

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

Office of the City Auditor

January 31, 1956

To the Honorable, the Mayor and the Board of
Aldermen of the City of Somerville.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 7, Section 3 of the Revised Ordinance of 1929, I herewith submit a report of the expenditures and receipts during the year 1955, as shown by the records in this office, giving in detail the appropriations, expenditures and the receipts from each source of income. Also a statement of the funded debt and temporary loans, table relative to maturities and interest, a balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities at the close of the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E. WALSH,
City Auditor

BALANCE SHEET—Continued

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,
1952 8,646.43
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,
1953 7,592.76
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,
1954 8,813.68
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,
1955 99,287.54

140,106.74

Departmental Bills Receivable:

Health Department 1,047.11
Welfare Miscellaneous 60,190.21
Old Age Assistance 14,829.59
City Home 3,166.31
School Contingent 8,354.83
Veterans' Services 15.01
City Owned Property Rentals 52.00
Aid Dependent Children .. 49,378.97
Insp. Milk & Vinegar 210.00

137,244.03

Water Department Accounts

Overlay 1950 1,004.00
Overlay 1953 5,230.59
Overlay 1952 1,996.04
Overlay 1954 7,752.56
Overlay 1955 43,435.76
Due from Dept. Coll. O'Donoghue 268.33

236,022.71

Revenue Reserved until Collected:
Departmental 137,244.03
Water 98,778.68
Tax Titles 115,930.28
Tax Possessions 26,712.28
Motor Vehicle Excise 140,106.74

518,772.01

County Assessment 1955 851.93
Sale of Real Estate 25,632.38
Sale of Veterans' Housing Units 4,317.84
Overlay 1947 1.00
Overlay 1949 7.93
Overlay 1951 1,869.65
Excess and Deficiency 205,756.34
Reserve for Uncollected, D. J. O'Donoghue 268.33
Premiums on Bonds 1,304.75
County—Dog Licenses 51.00

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BALANCE SHEET—Continued

Loans outside statutory debt limit:	
P.W.A. Sewer Loan	9,000.00
Veterans' Housing Loan ..	275,000.00
Transit Assessment Loan ..	316,000.00
Stadium Loan	145,000.00
	<u>745,000.00</u>
	<u><u>\$3,654,000.00</u></u>

TRUST AND INVESTED FUNDS

Trust Funds:		
Cash and Securities	\$55,542.38	
Investment Funds:		
Cash and Securities	2,337,292.82	
	<u>\$2,392,835.20</u>	
Trust Funds:		
Contagious Hospital	\$1,000.00	
School Funds	10,523.60	
Library Funds	38,621.57	
Welfare Funds	1,751.45	
Recreation Funds	3,645.76	
Invested Funds:		
Municipal Bldgs. Ins. Fund	4,251.99	
* Retirement System Funds		
4 % and 5 %	2,042,022.08	
Veterans' Housing Funds	291,018.75	
	<u>\$2,392,835.20</u>	

* Figures submitted by the Retirement Board

CASH STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1955**REVENUE****Receipts****General:**

Taxes	\$8,246,105.97
Motor Vehicle Excise	687,809.16
C. of M. Corporation Tax	429,150.38
C. of M. School Aid	464,700.00
Somerville Housing, Lieu of Taxes ..	19,486.95
C. of M. In Lieu of Taxes	211.19
C. of M. Income Tax	298,335.57
C. of M. Meal Tax	39,753.07
C. of M. Hurricane Reimbursement ..	184,595.41
C. of M. Reimb. Rent Control	4,600.93
C. of M. Reimb. Civil Defence	3,685.36
C. of M. Reimb. School Construction ..	16,060.05
Tax Titles	30,497.10
Tax Possessions	9,017.42
City Property Rentals	317.50
Licenses and Permits	133,654.48
Fines and Forfeits	9,690.20
Grants and Gifts	1,227,311.81
Parking Meters	41,574.08
Sale of Land	22,000.00
All other	190.10

11,868,746.73
Departmental:

General Government	20,052.62
Protection Persons and Property	3,401.92
Health and Sanitation	19,709.92
Highways	8,132.93
Welfare	36,750.14
City Home	2,639.91
Old Age Assistance	836,456.61
Disability Assistance	124,470.03
Aid to Dependent Children	148,146.83
Veterans' Services	27,659.22
Schools and School Buildings	187,859.15
Libraries	4,365.95
Recreation	352.75
Teachers' Retirement Deductions	128,794.03
Retirement Deductions	7.36
Federal Tax Withholding	748,061.24
Payroll Deductions for the Purchase of Savings Bonds	17,704.89
Blue Cross Deductions	95,601.25
Municipal Credit Union Deductions..	344,749.30
Insurance Deductions	1,032.89
Group Insurance Deductions	19,769.60
Sale of Veterans' Housing Units	52,500.00
Veterans Housing Investment Transfer ..	45,000.00
Refund from Retirement Board	1,172.82
All other	646.70

2,875,038.06

Water Department Accounts	667,461.47
Interest on Taxes, etc.	15,149.61

Trust Fund Income	2,318.83	
Refunds	49,533.76	
Temporary Loans	3,600,000.00	
Deposits	11,810.35	
Accrued Interest	1,442.74	
Premiums on Bonds	1,304.75	
Municipal Relief Loan	175,000.00	
		4,524,021.51
Total Receipts 1955 to date		19,267,806.30
Cash Balance January 1, 1955		25,019.04
Adjustments in Cash		574.66
		<u>\$19,293,400.00</u>

CASH STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1955

Payments

Temporary Loans	\$3,600,000.00	
Income, Sale Veterans' Housing Units ..	12,782.16	
Emergency Hurricane Damage	875.00	
Health - Bottling	50.00	
Appropriations	11,855,965.35	
Interest	82,045.21	
Reduction Funded Debt	522,069.64	
Credit Union Deductions	344,749.30	
Refunds	116,722.53	
Teachers' Retirement Deductions	128,794.03	
Retirement Deductions	7.36	
Tax Possessions	5.03	
Smith - Hughes Fund	2,815.97	
George Barden Fund	1,624.93	
Pay Roll Deductions for Insurance	18,866.71	
Blue Cross Deductions	94,651.25	
Federal Tax Withholding	745,112.82	
Hot Lunch Receipts	133,276.15	
Athletic Receipts	20,995.50	
City Clerk's Deposits	490.00	
Highway Deposits	6,803.05	
Savings Bonds Deductions	18,305.95	
Income Trust Funds	809.34	
School Deposits	855.00	
County Tax	336,640.85	
State Taxes and Assessments	978,857.41	
County Assessment T. B.	151,774.36	
County—Dog Licenses	4,191.20	
Reimbursements Old Age	2.00	
Total Payments 1955 to date		19,180,138.10
Cash on Hand December 31, 1955		75,077.51
Transfer to Non - Revenue		37,551.69
Adjustments in Cash		632.70
		<u>\$19,293,400.00</u>

CASH STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1955
NON - REVENUE

Receipts

Chapter 90—Highway	\$88,610.92	
Elementary School Loan	425,000.00	
Refunds	148.15	
Loan in Anticipation—Elem. School Loan	75,000.00	
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		588,759.07
Balance at Beginning of Period		1,116,756.33
Transfer from Revenue		37,551.69
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		1,743,067.09

CASH STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1955
NON - REVENUE

Payments

Loan in Anticipation—Elem. School Loan	75,000.00	
Appropriations	1,300,795.49	
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		1,375,795.49
Cash on Hand		367,271.60
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		1,743,067.09

Summary

Total Revenue Receipts	19,267,806.30
Total Non - Revenue Receipts	588,759.07
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	19,856,565.37
Total Balance at beginning of period	1,141,775.37
Adjustment in Cash	574.66
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	20,998,915.40
Total Revenue Payments	19,180,138.10
Total Non - Revenue Payments	1,375,795.49
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	20,555,933.59
Total Balance on Hand	442,349.11
Adjustment in Cash	632.70
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	<u><u>\$20,998,915.40</u></u>

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS 1955 (REVENUE)

		Unencumbered Balances	Unliquidated Encumbrances	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Board of Aldermen	P. S. O. M.	\$ 268.55	.....	\$ .00	\$8,200.00	\$8,200.00
			.....	268.55	8,727.81	8,996.36
Clerk of Committees	P. S. O. M.	.....	.....	.00	8,910.00	8,910.00
		51.57	.....	51.57	398.43	450.00
Executive Department	P. S. O. M.	14.56	.....	14.56	22,966.36	22,980.92
		251.62	.....	251.62	7,008.38	7,260.00
Auditing Department	P. S. O. M. E. Q.	404.53	.....	404.53	32,839.10	33,243.63
		10.77	.....	10.77	3,524.98	3,535.75
		.....	.....	.00	181.25	181.25
Treasury Department	P. S. O. M. E. Q.	1,820.62	.....	1,820.62	73,625.34	75,445.96
		2,663.52	420.00	3,083.52	10,967.38	14,050.90
		232.25	230.50	462.75	1,037.25	1,500.00
Assessor's Department	P. S. O. M. S. I.	2.67	.....	2.67	39,815.96	39,818.63
		7.50	180.69	188.19	5,083.80	5,271.99
		150.00	350.00	500.00	5,850.00	6,350.00
Pedlers License	O. M.	30.00	.....	30.00	.....	30.00
Licensing Commission	P. S. O. M.	.....	.....	.00	5,836.00	5,836.00
		28.25	.....	28.25	1,696.75	1,725.00
Certification Notes & Bonds	O. M.	.....	.....	.00	2,549.10	2,549.10
City Clerk's Department	P. S. O. M. S. I.	77.24	.....	77.24	34,711.28	34,788.52
		25.93	.....	25.93	1,255.17	1,281.10
		.....	.....	.00	267.90	267.90
Law Department	P. S. O. M.	14.49	.....	14.49	13,466.36	13,480.85
		7.52	.....	7.52	3,292.48	3,300.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS (REVENUE)—Continued

	Unencumbered Balances	Unliquidated Encumbrances	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
Land Court Proceedings O.M.	59.24	.....	59.24	690.76	750.00
City Messenger's Department P. S. ....	.....	.....	.00	8,360.00	8,360.00
..... O.M. ....	.....	.....	.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
City Planning Board P. S.	2,286.53	.....	2,286.53	17,128.47	19,415.00
..... O.M.	372.11	39.72	411.83	938.88	1,350.71
Board of Appeal P. S. ....	.....	.....	.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
..... O.M.	42.92	.....	42.92	257.08	300.00
Board of Election Commission P. S.	128.30	.....	128.30	26,674.75	26,803.05
..... O.M.	282.98	.....	282.98	11,859.02	12,142.00
..... S. I.	21.37	.....	21.37	2,878.63	2,900.00
Pay of Election Officers P. S.	85.00	.....	85.00	13,179.00	13,264.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
Police Department P. S.	3,210.37	.....	3,210.37	667,836.97	671,047.34
..... O.M.	120.14	.....	120.14	21,355.06	21,475.20
..... S. I.	753.63	1,000.00	1,753.63	12,596.37	14,350.00
..... E. Q.	1.40	6,500.00	6,501.40	5,098.60	11,600.00
Fire Department P. S.	371.72	.....	371.72	964,135.93	964,507.65
..... O.M.	75.39	.....	75.39	24,054.61	24,130.00
..... E. Q. ....	.....	.....	.00	53,552.00	53,552.00
..... S. I.	21.64	.....	21.64	18,503.36	18,525.00
Weights and Measures Dept. P. S. ....	.48	.....	.48	17,169.52	17,170.00
..... O.M.	107.30	3.00	110.30	889.70	1,000.00
Rifle Practice O.M.	413.00	.....	413.00	.....	413.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS (REVENUE)—Continued

	Unencumbered Balances	Unliquidated Encumbrances	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
Civil Defense	242.94	.....	242.94	9,095.44	9,338.38
P. S.	824.12	278.74	1,102.86	5,367.03	6,469.89
O.M. ....	.....	4,954.22	4,954.22	9,717.74	14,671.96
S. I. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
HEALTH					
Health Department	1,353.15	.....	1,353.15	21,976.65	23,329.80
P. S.	11,004.87	2,232.00	13,236.87	41,746.43	54,983.30
O.M.	21.25	.....	21.25	328.75	350.00
E. Q. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vital Statistics	45.64	.....	45.64	604.36	650.00
O.M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Inspection of Animals & Provisions...	53.94	.....	53.94	18,323.57	18,377.51
P. S.	20.00	.....	20.00	250.00	270.00
O.M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Inspection of Milk & Vinegar .....	.....	.....	.00	7,049.49	7,049.49
P. S.	10.14	31.78	41.92	608.08	650.00
O.M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Division of Dental Hygiene .....	.....	.....	.00	24,110.00	24,110.00
P. S.	160.43	40.00	200.43	1,399.57	1,600.00
O.M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Inspection of School Children	50.71	.....	50.71	21,374.29	21,425.00
P. S.	11.31	.....	11.31	138.69	150.00
O.M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANITATION					
Sanitary Department	15.49	.....	15.49	9,726.36	9,741.85
P. S.	352.47	.....	352.47	74,347.53	74,700.00
O.M.	71.54	.....	71.54	407,106.39	407,177.93
L. ....	.....	.....	.00	7,993.32	7,993.32
S. I. ....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	100.00
E. Q. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
HIGHWAYS					
Parking Lot Account .....	.....	486.13	486.13	22,513.87	23,000.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS (REVENUE)—Continued

	Unencumbered Balances	Unliquidated Encumbrances	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
Land Off Street Parking	37,000.00	.....	37,000.00	.....	37,000.00
Snow Removal	12.20	.....	12.20	7,882.86	7,895.06
Parking Meters	2,662.91	.....	2,662.91	18,024.47	20,687.38
P. S. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
O. M.	2,708.50	.....	2,708.50	4,699.99	7,408.49
WELFARE					
Welfare Dept.—Miscellaneous	1,179.72	.....	1,179.72	45,445.77	46,625.49
P. S.	8,699.40	20,513.00	29,212.40	199,620.34	228,832.74
O. M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability Assistance	2,566.78	.....	.00	8,611.97	8,611.97
P. S. ....	.....	223.76	2,790.54	190,169.09	192,959.63
O. M. ....	.....	.....	.00	679.52	679.52
E. Q. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Federal Grant Disability Asst.	1,068.68	.....	1,068.68	13,928.05	14,996.73
P. S. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Federal Grant Disability Asst. ....	.....	.....	.00	91,730.66	91,730.66
O. M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aid to Dependent Children	1,185.42	.....	1,185.42	23,272.04	24,457.46
P. S.	1,956.19	209.45	2,165.64	252,316.25	254,481.89
O. M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Federal Grant: Aid to Dependent Children Adm. ..	931.70	.....	931.70	23,440.16	24,371.86
P. S. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fed. Gr. - Aid to Dependent Children O. M.	3,859.33	.....	3,859.33	203,348.62	207,207.95
O. M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fed. Gr. - Old Age Asst. Adm.	4,169.98	.....	4,169.98	48,905.75	53,075.73
P. S. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Federal Grant Old Age Assistance ....	.....	.....	.00	741,292.24	741,292.24
O. M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Old Age Assistance	3,832.60	.....	3,832.60	38,390.85	42,223.45
P. S.	12,527.76	345.45	12,873.21	1,086,677.86	1,099,551.07
O. M. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. Q. ....	.....	.....	.00	1,104.52	1,104.52

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS (REVENUE)—Continued

	Unencumbered Balances	Unliquidated Encumbrances	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
VETERANS AID AND PENSIONS					
Veterans Services	22.41	.....	22.41	31,895.56	31,917.97
P. S.					
O.M.	6,398.86	2,252.85	8,651.71	75,249.15	83,900.86
Graves Registration .....	.....	.....	.00	750.00	750.00
P. S.					
O.M.	210.60	.....	210.60	96.40	307.00
EDUCATION					
School Contingent	2,193.22	.....	2,193.22	87,007.78	89,201.00
P. S.					
O.M.	7,777.97	10,473.93	18,251.90	118,195.10	136,447.00
Outside Tuition	1,476.01	1,580.00	3,056.01	8,370.84	11,426.85
O.M.					
School Teachers' Salaries	30,500.11	.....	30,500.11	2,643,523.19	2,674,023.30
P. S.					
Hot Lunch Program	2.32	.....	2.32	14,497.68	14,500.00
P. S.					
O.M. ....	.40	.....	.40	7,999.60	8,000.00
High School Athletic	148.05	.....	148.05	9,851.95	10,000.00
O.M.					
Land Taking Mt. Vernon Ave. ....	.....	.....	.00	19.31	19.31
Land Taking, Capen Street .....	.....	10,700.00	10,700.00	.....	10,700.00
LIBRARIES					
Central and Branch Libraries	772.23	.....	772.23	136,141.39	136,913.62
P. S.					
O.M. ....	.49	.....	.49	29,734.51	29,735.00
E. Q. ....	.....	.....	.00	450.00	450.00
RECREATION					
Recreation Commission	4.59	.....	4.59	77,264.04	77,268.63
P. S.					
O.M.	5.10	.....	5.10	8,969.90	8,975.00
E. Q.	1.57	.....	1.57	3,066.93	3,068.50
Celebrations and Conventions	1,113.47	1,700.00	2,813.47	436.53	3,250.00
O.M.					

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS (REVENUE)—Continued

UNCLASSIFIED

	Unencumbered Balances	Unliquidated Encumbrances	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
Foreclosed Property Maintenance O.M.	50.00	.....	50.00	.....	50.00
Memorial Day O.M.	465.45	.....	465.45	4,434.55	4,900.00
Municipal Documents O.M. ....	.....	.....	.00	6,453.64	6,453.64
Quarters for Veterans Organizations O.M.	535.00	.....	535.00	4,507.00	5,042.00
Damage to Persons and Property O.M.	3.21	900.00	903.21	16,059.79	16,963.00
City Employees Group Insurance O.M.	131.20	.....	131.20	17,868.80	18,000.00
Rent Control P.S.	1,289.50	.....	1,289.50	10,431.50	11,721.00
..... O.M.	283.37	10.94	294.31	265.69	560.00
P. W. D. Demolition O.M.	3.89	.....	3.89	3,223.79	3,227.68
Department of Public Works P.S.	186.67	.....	186.67	22,709.69	22,896.36
..... O.M.	815.72	100.00	915.72	31,174.49	32,090.21
..... L.	1,928.79	.....	1,928.79	16,112.35	18,041.14
..... S.I.	77.00	19,092.56	19,169.56	79,943.55	99,113.11
..... E.Q. ....	.....	1,800.00	1,800.00	3,454.50	5,254.50
Bond Issue Collateral E.Q. ....	.02	1,284.72	1,284.74	13,083.23	14,367.97
P.W.D. Engineering Department P.S.	112.75	.....	112.75	29,384.67	29,497.42
..... O.M.	17.23	31.41	48.74	16,901.26	16,950.00
P.W.D. Electrical Department P.S.	73.32	.....	73.32	107,855.60	107,928.92
..... O.M.	444.42	.....	444.42	6,721.04	7,165.46
P.W.D. Supp. Moth.—Care of Trees O.M.	21.97	.....	21.97	4,341.73	4,363.70
..... L.	10.73	.....	10.73	14,083.35	14,094.08

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS (REVENUE)—Continued

	Unencumbered Balances	Unliquidated Encumbrances	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
P.W.D. Sewers Maintenance	O.M.	48.00	73.55	8,769.35	8,842.90
	L. ....	.....	.10	68,107.74	68,107.84
P.W.D. Street Cleaning	O.M. ....	.....	128.86	7,871.14	8,000.00
	L. ....	.....	22.82	38,830.83	38,853.65
P.W.D. High.—Sidewalk Maintenance P. S.	332.22	.....	332.22	13,916.48	14,248.70
	O.M. ....	.....	273.03	33,680.33	33,953.36
	L. ....	.....	161.95	118,397.26	118,559.21
P.W.D. St. Lighting & Traff. Light.	2,051.19	.....	2,051.19	129,744.12	131,795.31
	S. I. ....	.....	46.65	1,970.85	2,017.50
P.W.D. Mtnce. School Bldgs.	1,074.14	.....	1,074.14	215,537.61	216,611.75
	O.M. ....	.....	337.38	242,157.82	242,495.20
	L. ....	.....	3,588.45	110,660.25	114,248.70
P.W.D. Parks & Plgnds. Mtnce.	32.83	.....	32.83	17,919.78	17,952.61
	O.M. ....	.....	.....	82,179.24	82,179.24
	L. ....	.....	.....	30,695.11	31,325.42
	S. I.	630.31	630.31	103,482.09	106,545.81
P.W.D. Mtnce. Municipal Bldgs.	3,063.72	.....	3,063.72	98,946.60	98,954.00
	P. S. ....	.....	7.40	37,231.91	39,091.59
	O.M. ....	.....	1,859.68	8,960.97	9,131.13
	L. ....	.....	170.16	52,016.84	52,086.70
	S. I.	69.86	58,201.50	58,261.00
P.W.D. Water Mtnce. & Extension	69.86	69.86	114,826.22	114,934.99
	P. S.	59.50
	O.M.	108.77
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COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

Workmen's Compensation	O.M.	1.22	40,023.78	40,025.00
Pensions	O.M.	487.56	412,927.12	413,414.68

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS (REVENUE)—Continued

	Unencumbered Balances	Unliquidated Encumbrances	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
Retirement System Expense Fund P. S. ....	.....	.....	.00	8,033.76	8,033.76
..... O.M. ....	.....	.....	.00	1,070.00	1,070.00
Pension Accumulation Fund O.M. ....	.....	.....	.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
Annuities O.M.	1,111.56	.....	1,111.56	45,261.44	46,373.00
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS					
Interest O.M.	2,997.19	.....	2,997.19	84,205.21	87,202.40
Reduction of Funded Debt O.M.	470.25	.....	407.25	522,069.64	522,539.89
Total Revenue Appropriations	\$188,674.06	\$88,643.16	\$277,317.22	\$12,278,113.43	\$12,555,430.65
TRUST FUNDS					
GRANTS AND GIFTS					
Smith Hughes Fund	\$503.78	.....	503.78	2,815.97	3,319.75
George Barden Fund	1,198.55	.....	1,198.55	1,624.93	2,823.48
Totals	\$1,702.33	\$.00	\$1,702.33	\$4,440.90	\$6,143.23
Contagious Hospital					
Charles M. Berry Fund	167.74	.....	167.74	.....	167.74
Schools					
S. Newton Cutler Fund	284.89	.....	284.89	313.42	598.31
Caroline G. Baker Fund	13.50	.....	13.50	.....	13.50
Sarah Winslow Fox Fund	70.60	.....	70.60	.....	70.60
J. Frank Wellington Fund	300.68	.....	300.68	.....	300.68
A. A. Smith Fund	331.16	.....	331.16	.....	331.16
Kathinka Fessman Fund	900.00	.....	900.00	.....	900.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS (REVENUE)—Continued

	Unencumbered Balances	Unliquidated Encumbrances	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
Library					
S. Newton Cutler Fund	93.54	.....	93.54	.....	93.54
Hunt Art Fund	169.03	.....	169.03	.....	169.03
Hunt Book Fund	533.35	.....	533.35	103.50	636.85
Pitman Art Fund	133.19	.....	133.19	202.17	335.36
Pitman Poetry Fund	150.97	.....	150.97	17.28	168.25
Wilder Children's Fund	45.89	.....	45.89	.....	45.89
Sarah Lorane Graves Fund	58.90	.....	58.90	.....	58.90
Buffum Memorial Book Fund	109.93	.....	109.93	.....	109.93
Eunice M. Gilmore Fund	141.28	.....	141.28	.....	141.28
Thomas J. Buffum Fund	67.12	.....	67.12	.....	67.12
J. Frank Wellington Fund	367.31	.....	367.31	68.00	435.31
Edward C. Booth Fund	154.51	.....	154.51	.....	154.51
Welfare					
Cummings Fund	1,957.22	.....	1,957.22	.....	1,957.22
Recreation					
Mary A. Haley Fund .....	.01	.....	.01	95.72	95.73
Total of Trust Funds	\$6,050.82	\$.00	\$6,050.82	\$800.09	\$6,850.91

STATEMENT OF OTHER REVENUE ACCOUNTS, 1955

OTHER ACCOUNTS	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
Credit Union Deduction .....	.....	\$344,749.30	\$344,749.30
Teachers' Retirement Deductions .....	.....	128,794.03	128,794.03
Payroll Deductions for Insurance .....	.....	1,468.83	1,468.83
Blue Cross Deductions	\$ 667.70	801.13	103,159.93
Federal Tax Withholding	8,508.68	94,651.25	811,777.01
Hot Lunch Receipts	66,578.04	745,198.97	149,965.88
Athletic Receipts	27,045.56	122,920.32	33,910.95
City Clerks' Deposits	13,913.91	19,997.04	5,290.50
Highway Deposits	284.45	4,779.75	7,087.50
Savings Bonds Deductions	1,466.26	6,803.05	19,779.77
Group Insurance Deductions	2,939.27	18,313.51	21,004.85
School Deposits (Tuition and Reg.)	595.50	18,065.58	1,394.75
School Deposits (Books)	425.00	799.25	1,185.50
County Assessment T. B. Hospital	851.93	760.50	152,626.29
County Tax	32,659.85*	151,774.36	303,981.00
State Taxes and Assessments	5,378.78*	336,640.85	973,478.63
Emergency Hurricane Damage "Carol" .....	.....	978,857.41	194,468.82
Health—Bottling Licenses .....	.....	194,468.82	100.00
County—Dog Licenses	51.00	4,191.20	4,242.20
Reimbursement—Old Age	34,073.94	8,961.46	43,035.40
Retirement Deductions .....	.....	7.36	7.36
Tax Possessions (Ref.) .....	.....	5.03	5.03
Income, Sale of Veterans Housing Units	4,317.84	48,183.16	52,501.00
Temporary Loans .....	.....	3,600,000.00	3,600,000.00
REFUNDS			
Bills Receivable .....	.....	129.73	129.73
Poll Taxes .....	.....	100.00	100.00
Personal .....	.....	2,118.44	2,118.44
Real Estate .....	.....	87,881.84	87,881.84
Tax Titles .....	.....	50.04	50.04
Excise .....	.....	25,378.91	25,378.91
Estimated Receipts .....	.....	962.48	962.48
Water Rates .....	.....	101.09	101.09
	\$124,191.20	\$6,946,545.86	\$7,070,737.06

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1955 (NON - REVENUE)

	Unencumbered Balances	Unliquidated Encumbrances	Unexpended Balances	Total Expenditures	Total Appropriations
General Government:					
Somerville Municipal Garage Loan	\$2,940.98	.....	\$2,940.98	\$53,471.32	\$56,412.30
P.W.D. Building—Equipment	997.12	.....	997.12	58,099.62	59,096.74
Sanitary:					
Sewers Construction	2,738.59	.....	2,738.59	6,532.44	9,271.03
Highways:					
Chapter 90—Highways	2,413.36	.....	2,413.36	124,958.48	127,371.84
Chapter 44—Macadam	110.76	.....	110.76	.....	110.76
Education:					
Vocational School Equipment	98.99	.....	98.99	.....	98.99
Elementary School	108,360.78	6,154.56	114,515.34	801,907.45	916,422.79
Elementary School 1955	35,151.72	206,531.96	241,683.68	188,368.01	430,051.69
Water:					
Chapter 44—Water Mains	29.69	.....	29.69	.....	29.69
Totals	<u>\$152,841.99</u>	<u>212,686.52</u>	<u>365,528.51</u>	<u>1,233,337.32</u>	<u>1,598,865.83</u>
Other Accounts:					
Loan in Anticipation of Elementary School Loan .....	.....	.....	.....	75,000.00	75,000.00

DETAIL OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Excise Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1955	\$577,798.03
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1954	106,018.97
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1953	3,201.27
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1952	42.46
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1951	748.43
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	687,809.16

From State:

Corporation Tax	429,150.38
Income Tax	298,335.57
School Aid	464,700.00
Meal Tax	39,753.07
Lieu of Taxes	211.19
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	1,232,150.21

Licenses and Permits:

Executive Department	3,320.00
Liquor	100,701.00
Builders License	855.00
Gas Fitters License	238.00
Building Permits	2,958.00
Plumbing Permits	1,317.75
Gas Permits	1,149.00
Fire	4,467.00
Police	123.50
Electrical	2,181.50
Licensing Commission	2,325.00
City Clerk—Miscellaneous	9,809.75
Milk	1,409.00
Health—Bottling	50.00
Health	44.00
Pedlers	243.00
Marriage	2,527.73
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	133,719.23

Fines and Forfeits:

Court	9,690.20
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Grants and Gifts:

County—Dog Licenses	3,252.55
Americanization	6,648.75
C. of M. Reimbursement Hurricane Damage	62,483.25
C. of M. Reimbursement School Construction	16,060.05
Somerville Housing, Lieu of Taxes	19,486.95
Reimbursement Rent Control	4,600.93
Reimbursement Civil Defense	3,685.36
Reimbursement Sight Saving Class	500.00
Vocational Education	80,464.36
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	197,182.20

General Government:

Treasurer—Costs and Fees	\$7,912.07
Board of Appeal	200.00
Public Works Dept.—Sale of Junk	35.00
Public Works—Charge for Demolition	1,835.00
City Clerk	9,928.08
Building Department—Com. on Phone	60.79
Building Department—Com. on Cola Bottling	19.48
Election Commission	32.20
Planning Board	30.00

20,052.62

Protection Persons and Property:

Police—Bicycle Registration	122.00
Police—Gaming Violation	191.35
Police—Sale Papers	49.12
Fire Department—Sale Old Apparatus	225.00
Fire Department—Settlement Claims	216.55
Electrical—Settlement Claims	666.60
Electrical—Witness Fees	23.80
Weights and Measures	1,907.50

3,401.92

Health and Sanitation:

Health Department	18,301.34
Inspection Milk	1,158.00
Dental Clinic	225.58
Sale Old Auto—Sanitary Department	25.00

19,709.92

Highways:

Sale of Materials	446.00
New Sidewalks	7,152.30
Settlement Claims—Traffic Lights	519.63
Sidewalk Damage	15.00
Damage to Parking Meters	67.42

8,200.35

Welfare:

Cities and Towns	19,017.33
State	17,732.81

36,750.14

City Home:

Board	2,639.91
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Aid Dependent Children:

State	146,366.83
Reimbursement	951.14

147,317.97

Old Age Assistance:

Cities and Towns	45,271.58
State	751,581.73
Reimbursements O. A. A.	5,290.58

802,143.89

Disability Assistance:

State	122,356.50
Reimbursements Disability Assistance	1,083.42

123,439.92

Veterans Benefits:

Veterans Services	27,659.22
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School:

Custodian Fees	350.60
Newsboy Badges	12.00
Registration and Tuition Fees	473.25
Tuition, State Wards	24,278.51
Other Tuition	7,922.15
Sale of Books	27.60
Productivity	586.17

33,650.28

Libraries:

Fines, Rentals and Sales	4,365.95
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Recreation:

Showers	352.75
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Unclassified:

Electrolysis	500.00
Land Damage Award—Housing	1.00
Conscience Fund	5.00
City Property Rentals	317.50
Pro Forma Tax	122.68

946.18

Water:

Metered Rates 1955	344,678.66
Monthly 1955	231,692.99
Metered Rates 1954	58,207.21
Monthly 1954	23,198.43
Metered Rates 1953	187.48
Water Liens	6,848.83
Service Assessments	513.74
Water Maintenance	1,199.06
Settlement Claims	958.85

667,485.25

Interest:

Taxes	7,944.45
Tax Titles	4,424.86
Excise	2,780.30
Accrued Interest	2.46

15,152.07

Total Estimated Receipts \$4,173,819.34

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Payments

Auditing Municipal Accounts	\$9,585.24
State Examination of Retirement System	530.45
Metropolitan Park Loan (Serial Bonds)	34.92
Interest	15.89
Maintenance (Including Charles River & Nan- tasket)	125,743.08
Metropolitan Park Loan (Series 2 Bonds)	122.21
Interest	9.78
Metropolitan Sewerage Loans (Serial Bonds) ..	35,650.70
Interest	6,614.84
Maintenance	148,832.18
Metropolitan Water Loan	281,311.76
Boston Metropolitan District Expenses	184.52
Metropolitan Transit Authority Deficiency	325,931.77
Metropolitan Transit Authority, (Red. of Princ.)	40,114.90
Smoke Inspection	1,588.69
Boston Arena Authority	2,586.48
Health—T. B. Expense	1,320.00
Welfare—State Institutions	7,609.89
Health—Bottling Licenses	50.00

 987,837.30

Receipts

School Aid	464,700.00
Income Tax	298,335.57
Corporation Tax	429,150.38
Meal Tax	39,753.07
In Lieu of Taxes	211.19
Chapter 90—Highways	64,170.75
Reimbursement—Hurricane Damage	184,595.41
Reimbursement—School Construction	16,060.05
Reimbursement—Rent Control	4,600.93
Vocational Education	80,464.36
School—Sight Saving Class	500.00
Americanization	6,648.75
Welfare Department—Miscellaneous B. R. ..	17,732.81
Aid Dependent Children B. R.	146,366.83
Old Age Assistance B. R.	751,581.73
Disability Assistance B. R.	122,356.50
Veterans' Services	27,629.22
School—Youth Service Board	550.79
Water Rates	605.03
Pedlers Licenses	250.00
Health Department	18,301.34
Tuition—State Wards	24,278.51

 2,698,843.22

Federal Grants in 1955

Aid Dependent Children	229,313.27
Old Age Assistance	786,415.29
Disability Assistance	104,137.06
Smith - Hughes Fund	2,090.00
George Barden Fund	1,462.00
Hot Lunch Project	12,778.53
Reimbursement—Civil Defense	3,685.36

 1,139,881.51

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Payments

County Tax	336,640.85	
County Assessment T. B. Hospital	151,774.36	
County Dog Licenses	4,191.20	
County of Middlesex Sanatorium	26,914.16	
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Receipts

County—Dog Licenses	3,252.55	
County Aid to Highways	24,440.17	
	<hr/>	27,692.72

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Assessed in Taxes 1955:

Real Estate	\$7,883,523.76	
Personal	524,553.68	
Poll	62,504.00	
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Estimated Receipts	4,312,261.10	
Balance Revenue Appro.	103,005.65	
Overestimates, State Taxes	6,352.09	
Overestimates, County Tax	11,156.86	
Overestimates, T. B. Hospital	4,723.12	
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		12,908,080.26
Deficit Estimated Receipts 1955		165,013.97
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		\$12,743,066.29

Expenses

Revenue Appropriations	\$10,880,402.51	
Non-Revenue Appropriations	32,500.00	
State Taxes and Assessments	973,478.63	
County Tax 1955	303,981.00	
County Assessment—T. B. Hospital	152,626.29	
Revenue Deficit 1954	14,111.19	
Hurricane Expenditures	130,086.41	
Overlay 1955	225,000.00	
Overlay 1954	30,263.59	
Overlay 1953	22,409.31	
Overlay 1952	39,633.68	
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Deficit Revenue 1955		61,426.32
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		\$12,743,066.29

TEMPORARY LOANS 1955

	Number	Issued	Due	Rate	Amount
National Shawmut Bank	2014 to 2019	January 20, 1955	November 16, 1955	.59	\$500,000.00
Rockland Atlas National Bank	2020 to 2035	January 20, 1955	November 16, 1955	.59	500,000.00
National Shawmut Bank	2036 to 2037	February 28, 1955	November 2, 1955	.69	100,000.00
National Shawmut Bank	2038 to 2054	March 29, 1955	October 7, 1955	.81	500,000.00
National Shawmut Bank	2055 to 2062	March 31, 1955	November 22, 1955	.81	300,000.00
Middlesex County National	2063 to 2075	April 25, 1955	November 7, 1955	.94	350,000.00
Rockland Atlas National Bank	2076 to 2082	April 25, 1955	November 7, 1955	.94	350,000.00
National Shawmut Bank	2083 to 2097	May 26, 1955	November 2, 1955	.975	500,000.00
Middlesex County National	2105 to 2114	June 29, 1955	October 3, 1955	1.30	250,000.00
Rockland Atlas National Bank	2115 to 2119	June 29, 1955	October 3, 1955	1.30	250,000.00
Total Loans in Anticipation of Revenue					\$3,600,000.00

OTHER TEMPORARY LOANS**Loan in Anticipation Elementary School Loan**

National Shawmut Bank	January 25, 1955	March 15, 1955	.59	\$75,000.00
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FUNDED DEBT

The Funded Debt of the City January 1, 1955 was \$3,576,069.64. Two loans were issued: Elementary School Loan, \$425,000.00 and Municipal Relief Loan, \$175,000.00. Maturities paid during the year amounted to \$522,069.64. The Total Funded Debt December 31, 1955 was \$3,654,000.00.

CLASSIFIED DEBT JANUARY 1, 1955

Chapter 44 Sewer Loan	\$81,000.00	
Municipal Relief Loan	445,000.00	
School and Mun. Bldgs. Loan	225,000.00	
Municipal Garage Loan	678,000.00	
Elementary Schools	1,090,000.00	
Pub. Works Equip. Loan	95,599.09	
Pub. Works Bldg. Loan	76,470.55	
Total Within Limit		\$2,691,069.64
P.W.A. Sewer Loan	\$10,000.00	
Chap. 44—Water Main Loan	5,000.00	
Veterans Housing Loan	320,000.00	
Transit Assessment Loan	395,000.00	
Stadium Loan	155,000.00	
Total Outside Limit		885,000.00
Total Funded Debt January 1, 1955		\$3,576,069.64

LOANS INCREASING THE DEBT

Elementary School Loan	\$425,000.00	
Municipal Relief Loan	175,000.00	
		\$600,000.00

MATURITIES REDUCING THE DEBT

Chap. 44 Sewer Loans	\$10,000.00	
Municipal Garage Loan	41,000.00	
School and Mun. Bldgs. Loan	75,000.00	
Pub. Works Equipment Loan	19,599.09	
Pub. Works Building Loan	11,470.55	
Municipal Relief Loan	165,000.00	
Elementary School Loan	60,000.00	
Total Within Limit		\$382,069.64
Veterans Housing Loan	\$45,000.00	
Water Main Loan	5,000.00	
P.W.A. Sewer Loan	1,000.00	
Stadium Loan	10,000.00	
Transit Assessment Loan	79,000.00	
Total Outside Limit		\$140,000.00
Total Maturities		\$522,069.64
Total Funded Debt December 31, 1955		\$3,654,000.00

TAXES

The total taxable property as of January 1, 1955 was \$133,039,200.00. The tax rate was fixed at \$63.20 per \$1,000 valuation.

City Appropriations	\$10,912,902.51
City Appropriations from Available Funds	491,158.85
Overlay 1952	39,633.68
Overlay 1953	22,409.31
Overlay 1954	30,263.59
Overlay 1955	225,000.00
Revenue Deficit 1954	14,111.19
Hurricane Expenditures	130,086.41
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	9,585.24
State Examination Retirement System	530.45
Smoke Inspection Service	1,622.91
Metropolitan Parks	118,732.77
Metropolitan Sewerage	196,096.09
Metropolitan Water	281,311.76
Boston Metropolitan District Expenses	184.51
M. T. A. Deficiency	325,300.00
M. T. A. Prin. Payments	40,114.90
County Tax	303,981.00
County Assess. T. B. Hospital	152,626.29
Gross Amount To Be Raised	<u>\$13,295,651.46</u>

Less Estimated Receipts	\$4,312,261.10
Overestimates County Tax	11,156.86
Overestimates Tuberculosis Hospital	4,723.12
Overestimates Met. Parks	1,826.64
Overestimates Met. Sewerage	4,232.69
Overestimates Met. Transit Auth.	53.83
Overestimates Smoke Inspection	238.93
Available Funds	<u>491,158.85</u>

Total Deductions	<u>\$4,825,652.02</u>
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Amount To Be Raised By Taxation	<u>\$8,469,999.44</u>
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Water Liens Added to Taxes 1955	7,087.37
Number of Polls 30916 @ \$2.00	\$61,922.00
Personal Property \$8,299,900.00	524,553.68
Real Estate \$124,739,300.00	<u>7,883,523.76</u>

Total	<u>\$8,469,999.44</u>
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MATURITIES ON FUNDED DEBT 1956

Class of Loan	January	April	June	July	October	November	December	Totals
Chap. 44—Sewers	\$3,000.00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$7,000.00	\$.....	\$.....	\$10,000.00
Veterans Housing	10,000.00	.....	.....	35,000.00	.....	.....	.....	45,000.00
Elementary Schools	25,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60,000.00	85,000.00
Municipal Garage .....	.....	6,000.00	.....	.....	35,000.00	.....	.....	41,000.00
Chapter 44— Schl. & Mun. Bldgs.	.....	75,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75,000.00
Municipal Relief .....	.....	.....	45,000.00	.....	95,000.00	.....	42,500.00	182,500.00
Pub. Wks. Equipment ..	.....	.....	.....	19,000.00	.....	.....	.....	19,000.00
Pub. Wks. Building .....	.....	.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	11,000.00
P. W. A. Sewer .....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00
Stadium .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00	.....	.....	10,000.00
Transit Assessment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79,000.00	.....	79,000.00
Totals	\$38,000.00	\$81,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$147,000.00	\$79,000.00	\$102,500.00	\$558,500.00

INTEREST REQUIREMENTS ON FUNDED DEBT, 1956

Class of Loan	January	April	May	June	July	October	November	December	Totals
Public Works (Equip.)	\$475.00	.....	.....	.....	\$475.00	.....	.....	.....	\$950.00
Public Works (Bldg.)	406.25	.....	.....	.....	406.25	.....	.....	.....	812.50
Chap. 44, Sewers ...	525.00	348.75	.....	.....	487.50	348.75	.....	.....	1,710.00
Veterans Housing ...	2,131.25	.....	.....	.....	2,043.75	.....	.....	.....	4,175.00
P.W.A. Sewer	168.75	.....	.....	.....	168.75	.....	.....	.....	337.50
Elementary Schools .	4,250.00	.....	.....	11,330.00	4,000.00	.....	.....	11,330.00	30,910.00
Municipal Garage ...	.....	6,554.00	.....	.....	.....	6,482.00	.....	.....	13,036.00
Chap. 44 Sch. & Munic. Bldg. ....	.....	937.50	.....	.....	.....	468.75	.....	.....	1,406.25
Municipal Relief ....	.....	1,780.00	.....	1,531.25	.....	1,780.00	.....	1,531.25	6,622.50
Stadium .....	.....	1,957.50	.....	.....	.....	1,957.50	.....	.....	3,915.00
Transit Assessment .	.....	.....	1,975.00	.....	.....	.....	1,975.00	.....	3,950.00
Totals	\$7,956.25	\$11,577.75	\$1,975.00	\$12,861.25	\$7,581.25	\$11,037.00	\$1,975.00	\$12,861.25	\$67,824.75

MATURITIES ON FUNDED DEBT (SIX YEARS)

Class of Loan	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	Totals
Chap. 44, Sewers	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$60,000.00
Pub. Wks. Equipment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,599.09	19,000.00	38,599.09
Pub. Wks. Building .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,470.55	11,000.00	22,470.55
Southern Jr. High	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00
Western Jr. High	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000.00
Garage	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00
Municipal Relief	304,000.00	214,000.00	154,000.00	121,000.00	165,000.00	182,500.00	1,140,500.00
P.W.A. Sewers	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
P.W.A. School	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	.....	.....	60,000.00
Chap. 44, Water Mains	20,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	.....	55,000.00
Macadam Pavement	90,000.00	90,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	180,000.00
School & Munic. Bldgs.	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	450,000.00
Veterans Housing	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	270,000.00
Transit Assessment	80,000.00	80,000.00	79,000.00	79,000.00	79,000.00	79,000.00	476,000.00
Municipal Garage .....	.....	.....	35,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00	158,000.00
Stadium .....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00
Elem. Schools .....	.....	.....	.....	60,000.00	60,000.00	85,000.00	205,000.00
Totals	\$646,000.00	\$547,000.00	\$424,000.00	\$462,000.00	\$522,069.64	\$558,500.00	\$3,159,569.64

INTEREST REQUIREMENTS OF PRESENT CITY DEBT TO MATURITY															
	Public Works Loan (8ldg.)	Elementary Schools	Public Works Loan (Equip.)	P. W. A. Sewer	Municipal Garage	Municipal Relief	Stadium	Municipal Garage	Elementary School (2%)	Chap. 44 Sewer	Transit Assessment	School & Munic. 8ldgs.	Veterans Housing	Veterans Housing	Totals
1956	\$812.50	\$22,660.00	\$950.00	\$337.50	\$2,136.00	\$6,622.50	\$3,915.00	\$10,900.00	\$8,250.00	\$1,710.00	\$3,950.00	\$1,406.25	\$875.00	\$3,300.00	\$67,824.75
1957	675.00	21,340.00	712.50	300.00	1,992.00	4,211.25	3,645.00	10,200.00	7,750.00	1,492.50	2,962.50	468.75	700.00	2,775.00	59,224.50
1958	537.50	20,020.00	475.00	262.50	1,860.00	1,440.00	3,375.00	9,500.00	7,250.00	1,275.00	1,975.00	.....	525.00	2,250.00	50,745.00
1959	400.00	18,700.00	237.50	225.00	1,740.00	1,260.00	3,105.00	8,800.00	6,750.00	1,145.00	987.50	.....	393.75	1,800.00	45,543.75
1960	325.00	17,380.00	.....	187.50	1,620.00	.....	2,835.00	8,100.00	6,250.00	1,015.00	.....	.....	306.25	1,350.00	39,368.75
1961	250.00	16,060.00	.....	150.00	1,500.00	.....	2,565.00	7,400.00	5,800.00	885.00	.....	.....	218.75	900.00	35,728.75
1962	187.50	14,740.00	.....	112.50	1,380.00	.....	2,295.00	6,700.00	5,400.00	755.00	.....	.....	131.25	450.00	32,151.25
1963	125.00	13,420.00	.....	75.00	1,260.00	.....	2,025.00	6,000.00	5,000.00	625.00	.....	.....	43.75	.....	28,573.75
1964	62.50	12,100.00	.....	37.50	1,140.00	.....	1,755.00	5,400.00	4,600.00	522.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,617.50
1965 .....	.....	10,890.00	.....	.....	1,020.00	.....	1,485.00	4,800.00	4,200.00	420.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	22,815.00
1966 .....	.....	9,680.00	.....	.....	900.00	.....	1,215.00	4,200.00	3,800.00	317.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,112.50
1967 .....	.....	8,470.00	.....	.....	780.00	.....	945.00	3,600.00	3,400.00	215.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,410.00
1968 .....	.....	7,260.00	.....	.....	660.00	.....	810.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	112.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,842.50
1969 .....	.....	6,050.00	.....	.....	540.00	.....	675.00	2,400.00	2,600.00	37.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,302.50
1970 .....	.....	4,840.00	.....	.....	420.00	.....	540.00	1,800.00	2,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,800.00
1971 .....	.....	3,630.00	.....	.....	300.00	.....	405.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,335.00
1972 .....	.....	2,420.00	.....	.....	180.00	.....	270.00	600.00	1,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,870.00
1973 .....	.....	1,210.00	.....	.....	60.00	.....	135.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,405.00
1974 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00
1975 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00
	\$3,375.00	\$210,870.00	\$2,375.00	\$1,687.50	\$19,488.00	\$13,533.75	\$31,995.00	\$94,600.00	\$81,250.00	\$10,527.50	\$9,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$3,193.75	\$12,825.00	\$497,470.50

FUNDED DEBT DECEMBER 31, 1955																			
	Public Works 1 ¼ % (8ldg.)	Elementary Schools 2.20 %	Transit Assess- ment 1 ¼ %	Municipal Relief 1.75 %	Municipal Garage 2.4 %	School & Munic. 8ldgs. 1 ¼ %	Municipal Garage 2.4 %	P. W. A. Sewers 3¾ %	Public Works (Equip.) 1 ¼ %	Elementary Schools 2 %	Stadium 2.7 %	Chapter 44 Sewer 2 ½ %	Chapter 44 Sewer 1 ¾ %	Chapter 44 Sewer 2¾ %	Municipal Relief 1.20 %	Municipal Relief 1.40 %	Veterans Housing 1¾ %	Veterans Housing 1½ %	Totals
1956	\$11,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$79,000.00	\$87,500.00	\$35,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$558,500.00
1957	11,000.00	60,000.00	79,000.00	87,500.00	35,000.00	75,000.00	6,000.00	1,000.00	19,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	45,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	35,000.00	558,500.00
1958	11,000.00	60,000.00	79,000.00	.....	35,000.00	.....	5,000.00	1,000.00	19,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	.....	2,000.00	45,000.00	.....	10,000.00	30,000.00	335,000.00
1959	6,000.00	60,000.00	79,000.00	.....	35,000.00	.....	5,000.00	1,000.00	19,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	.....	2,000.00	45,000.00	.....	5,000.00	30,000.00	325,000.00
1960	6,000.00	60,000.00	.....	.....	35,000.00	.....	5,000.00	1,000.00	.....	25,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	5,000.00	30,000.00	182,000.00
1961	5,000.00	60,000.00	.....	.....	35,000.00	.....	5,000.00	1,000.00	.....	20,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	5,000.00	30,000.00	176,000.00
1962	5,000.00	60,000.00	.....	.....	35,000.00	.....	5,000.00	1,000.00	.....	20,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	5,000.00	30,000.00	176,000.00
1963	5,000.00	60,000.00	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	5,000.00	1,000.00	.....	20,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	5,000.00	.....	140,000.00
1964	5,000.00	55,000.00	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	5,000.00	1,000.00	.....	20,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	130,000.00
1965 .....	.....	55,000.00	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	124,000.00
1966 .....	.....	55,000.00	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	124,000.00
1967 .....	.....	55,000.00	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	119,000.00
1968 .....	.....	55,000.00	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118,000.00
1969 .....	.....	55,000.00	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118,000.00
1970 .....	.....	55,000.00	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115,000.00
1971 .....	.....	55,000.00	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115,000.00
1972 .....	.....	55,000.00	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115,000.00
1973 .....	.....	55,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85,000.00
1974 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000.00
1975 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000.00
	\$65,000.00	\$1,030,000.00	\$316,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$545,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$92,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$76,000.00	\$425,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$220,000.00	\$3,654,000.00

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INTEREST REQUIREMENTS ON FUNDED DEBT (SIX YEARS)

Class of Loan	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	Totals
Chap. 44, Sewer	\$2,797.50	\$2,580.00	\$2,362.50	\$2,145.00	\$1,927.50	\$1,710.00	\$13,522.50
Southern Jr. High	17.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.50
Western Jr. High	52.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52.50
Garage	142.50	47.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	190.00
Municipal Relief	8,591.50	5,125.50	6,252.00	4,351.00	5,570.00	6,622.50	36,512.50
P.W.A. Sewers	525.00	487.50	450.00	412.50	375.00	337.50	2,587.50
P.W.A. Schools	2,100.00	1,575.00	1,050.00	525.00	.....	.....	5,250.00
Chap. 44 Water Mains	762.50	468.75	243.75	112.50	37.50	.....	1,625.00
Veterans Housing	7,675.00	6,975.00	6,275.00	5,575.00	4,875.00	4,175.00	35,550.00
School & Munic. Bldgs.	6,093.75	5,156.25	4,218.75	3,281.25	2,343.75	1,406.25	22,500.00
Macadam Pavement ..	1,687.50	562.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,250.00
Transit Assessment	8,912.50	7,912.50	6,912.50	5,925.00	4,937.50	3,950.00	38,550.00
Municipal Garage .....	.....	.....	13,000.00	14,724.00	13,880.00	13,036.00	54,640.00
Stadium .....	.....	.....	.....	4,455.00	4,185.00	3,915.00	12,555.00
Elementary Schools .....	.....	.....	.....	25,300.00	23,980.00	30,910.00	80,190.00
Pub. Wks. Equipment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,194.99	950.00	2,144.99
Pub. Wks. Building ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	955.88	812.50	1,768.38
Totals	\$39,357.75	\$30,890.50	\$40,764.50	\$66,806.25	\$64,262.12	\$67,824.75	\$309,905.87

BORROWING CAPACITY, DECEMBER 31, 1955

Valuation January 1953	\$130,714,000.00	
Valuation December 1953	3,700.00	
Valuation Motor Vehicle Excise 1953 ..	15,056,860.00	
Valuation Commercial Excise 1953	231,270.00	
	<hr/>	\$146,005,830.00
Valuation January 1954	131,065,450.00	
Valuation Motor Vehicle Excise 1954 ..	15,262,990.00	
Valuation Commercial Excise 1954	162,200.00	
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Valuation January 1955	133,039,200.00	
Valuation Motor Vehicle Excise 1955 ..	14,743,590.00	
Valuation Commercial Excise 1955	49,300.00	
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		440,328,560.00
Abatements 1953	4,192,830.00	
Abatements Motor Vehicle Excise 1953	882,890.00	
Abatements 1954	3,610,400.00	
Abatements Motor Vehicle Excise 1954	837,160.00	
Abatements 1955	4,081,800.00	
Abatements Motor Vehicle Excise 1955	664,000.00	
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		426,059,480.00
Average of Three years ($\frac{1}{3}$)		142,019,826.66
Two and one-half percent		3,550,495.67
Present Debt Within Limit		2,909,000.00
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Borrowing Capacity December 31, 1955		641,495.67
Maturities 1956:		
January 1	\$38,000.00	
Less Outside Limit	10,000.00	
	<hr/>	28,000.00
April 1	81,000.00	
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June 1	45,000.00	
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July 1	66,000.00	
Less Outside Limit	36,000.00	
	<hr/>	30,000.00
October 1	147,000.00	
Less Outside Limit	10,000.00	
	<hr/>	137,000.00
November 15	79,000.00	
Less Outside Limit	79,000.00	
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December 1	102,500.00	
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		423,500.00
		\$1,064,995.67

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OVERLAY 1947

Debits:		
Balance to 1956 Account	\$1.00	1.00
Credits:		
Balance from 1954 Account	1.00	1.00

OVERLAY 1949

Debits:		
Balance to 1956 Account	7.93	7.93
Credits:		
Balance from 1954 Account	7.93	7.93

OVERLAY 1950

Debits:		
Taxes 1950 Real Estate	823.50	
Taxes 1950 Personal	274.50	
		1,098.00
Credits:		
Balance from 1954 Account	94.00	
Balance to 1956 Account	1,004.00	1,098.00

OVERLAY 1951

Debits:		
Taxes 1951 Real Estate	1,254.24	
Taxes 1951 Personal	268.00	
Balance to 1956 Account	1,869.65	
		3,391.89
Credits:		
Balance from 1954 Account	3,391.89	3,391.89

OVERLAY 1952

Debits:		
Balance from 1954 Account	34,966.84	
Taxes 1952 Real Estate	6,382.88	
Taxes 1952 Poll	2.00	
Taxes 1952 Personal	278.00	
		41,629.72
Credits:		
Revenue	39,633.68	
Balance to 1956 Account	1,996.04	41,629.72

OVERLAY 1953

Debits:		
Balance from 1954 Account	18,546.29	
Taxes 1953 Real Estate	7,836.01	
Taxes 1953 Poll	6.00	
Taxes 1953 Personal	608.30	
Tax Titles	647.30	
		27,643.90

Credits:

Taxes 1953 Poll	4.00	
Revenue	22,409.31	
Balance to 1956 Account	5,230.59	
	<hr/>	27,643.90

OVERLAY 1954

Debits:

Balance from 1954 Account	15,156.63	
Taxes 1954 Poll	196.00	
Taxes 1954 Personal	1,478.88	
Taxes 1954 Real Estate	20,363.04	
Tax Titles	821.60	
	<hr/>	38,016.15

Credits:

Revenue	30,263.59	
Balance to 1956 Account	7,752.56	
	<hr/>	38,016.15

OVERLAY 1955

Debits:

Taxes 1955 Poll	10,466.00	
Taxes 1955 Personal	253,836.48	
Taxes 1955 Real Estate	4,133.28	
	<hr/>	268,435.76

Credits:

Revenue	225,000.00	
Balance to 1956 Account	43,435.76	
	<hr/>	268,435.76

TAILINGS

Debits:

Balance to 1956 Account	1,345.69	
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Credits:

Balance to 1956 Account	1,279.81	
Taxes 1950 Real Estate	65.68	
	<hr/>	1,345.69

TAX TITLES

Debits:

Balance from 1954 Account	118,969.28	
Taxes 1954 Real Estate	29,888.06	
Taxes 1953 Real Estate	215.67	
Taxes 1955 Real Estate	929.04	
Tax Title Revenue	494.47	
Water Liens, Taxes 1954	1,207.01	
Tax Possessions	2,449.56	
Refunds	50.04	
	<hr/>	154,203.13

Credits:		
Cash Collections	30,497.10	
Cash Collections	2,445.92	
Overlay 1954	821.60	
Overlay 1953	647.30	
Tax Possessions	3,705.08	
Tax Title Revenue	155.85	
Balance to 1956 Account	115,930.28	
	<hr/>	154,203.13

TAX POSSESSIONS

Debits:		
Balance from 1954 Account	35,339.39	
Tax Titles	3,710.11	
Tax Possession Revenue	607.81	
	<hr/>	39,657.31

Credits:		
Cash	9,017.42	
Tax Possession Revenue	1,478.05	
Tax Titles	2,449.56	
Balance to 1956 Account	26,712.28	
	<hr/>	39,657.31

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY

Debits:		
Tax Title Revenue	31,082.81	
Tax Possession Revenue	5.03	
City Clerk's Deposits	224.50	
Revenue Cash	2.30	
Balance to 1956 Account	205,756.34	
	<hr/>	237,070.98

Credits:		
Balance from 1954 Account	189,570.10	
Tax Titles Revenue	34,411.92	
Water Revenue	92.38	
Tax Possession Revenue	9,017.42	
Taxes 1953 Real Estate .....	.40	
Taxes 1952 Personal .....	.80	
Taxes 1950 Poll	2.00	
Taxes 1951 Personal .....	.05	
Taxes 1932 Real Estate	55.57	
Cash	3,920.34	
	<hr/>	237,070.98

CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Levy 1955:

Poll	\$45,370.00
Personal	488,463.92
Real Estate	7,404,846.66

Levy 1954:

Poll	2,320.00
Personal	22,417.00
Real Estate	278,059.03

Levy 1953:

Poll	352.00
Personal	3,208.59

Levy 1952:

Poll	188.00
Personal	451.54

Levy 1951:

Poll	4.00
Personal	75.04

Levy 1950:

Poll	2.00
Personal	135.29

Levy 1949:

Poll	10.00
Personal	79.84

Levy 1948:

Personal	34.93
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Levy 1947:

Personal	8.78
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Levy 1932:

Real Estate	55.57
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Total Taxes	8,246,082.19
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Tax Possessions	9,017.42
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Tax Titles	30,497.10
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City Property Rentals	317.50
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Sale of Real Estate	22,000.00
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Total	\$61,832.02
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Motor Vehicle Excise:

Excise 1955	577,798.03
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Excise 1954	106,018.97
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Excise 1953	3,201.27
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Excise 1952	42.46
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Excise 1951	748.43
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Total Excise	687,809.16
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Deposits:

City Clerk	4,342.25
Highway	5,996.10
School	1,472.00

Total Deposits	11,810.35
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From State:

Corporation Tax	429,150.38
Income Tax	298,335.57
School Aid	464,700.00
Meal Tax	39,753.07
In Lieu of Taxes	211.19

Total	1,232,150.21
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Licenses and Permits:

Liquor	100,701.00
Executive	3,320.00
Builders License	855.00
Gasfitters License	238.00
Building Permits	2,958.00
Plumbing	1,317.75
Gas	1,149.00
Fire	4,467.00
Police	123.50
Electrical	2,181.50
Licensing	2,325.00
City Clerk—Miscellaneous	5,520.00
Dog Licenses	4,175.00
Milk	1,409.00
Health — Bottling	100.00
Health	44.00
Pedlers	243.00
Marriage	2,527.73

Total Licenses and Permits	\$133,654.48
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Fines and Forfeits:

Court	9,690.20
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Grants and Gifts:

Disability Assistance	104,137.06
Old Age Assistance	786,415.29
Aid to Dependent Children	229,313.27
County Dog Licenses	3,252.55
George Barden Fund	1,462.00
Smith - Hughes Fund	2,090.00
Americanization	6,648.75
Federal Grant—Hot Lunch	12,778.53
Reimbursement—Hurricane Damage	184,595.41
Reimbursement—School Construction	16,060.05
Somerville Housing—Lieu of Taxes	19,486.95
Chapter 90—Highway	88,610.92
Reimbursement Rent Control	4,600.93
Reimbursement Civil Defense	3,685.36
Reimbursement—Sight Saving Class	500.00
Vocational Education	80,464.36

Total Grants and Gifts	1,544,101.43
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Total General Revenue	\$11,927,130.04
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COMMERCIAL REVENUE, DEPARTMENTAL**General Government:**

Treasurer—Cost and Fees	\$7,912.07
Board of Appeal	200.00
Public Works—Sale of Junk	35.00
Public Works—Demolition	1,835.00
Building Dept.—Com. on Phone	60.79
Building Dept.—Com. on Cola	19.48
City Clerk	9,928.08
Election	32.20
Planning Board	30.00

Total	20,052.62
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Protection Persons and Property:

Police—Bicycle Registration	122.00
Police—Sale of Waste Paper	49.12
Police—Gaming Violation	191.35
Fire—Sale Old Engines	225.00
Fire—Settlement Claims	216.55
Electrical—Settlement Claims	666.60
Electrical—Witness Fees	23.80
Weights and Measures	1,907.50

Total	3,401.92
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Health and Sanitation:

Health Department	18,301.34
Inspection Milk	1,158.00
Dental Clinic	225.58
Sanitary—Sale Old Auto	25.00

Total	19,709.92
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Highways:

Sale of Bricks	446.00
New Sidewalks	7,152.30
Traffic Light Maintenance	519.63
Sidewalks Damage	15.00
Damage to Parking Meters	67.42
Parking Meters	41,574.08

Total	49,774.43
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City Home:

Board	2,639.91
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Welfare:

Cities and Towns	19,017.33
State	17,732.81

Total	36,750.14
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Aid Dependent Children:

State	146,366.83
Reimbursement A. D. C.	1,780.00

Total	148,146.83
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Old Age Assistance:	
Cities and Towns	45,271.58
State	751,581.73
Reimbursement O. A. A.	39,603.30
Total	<u>836,456.61</u>
Disability Assistance:	
State	122,356.50
Reimbursement Disability Assistance	2,113.53
Total	<u>124,470.03</u>
Veterans:	
Veterans Services	27,659.22
Schools:	
Newsboys Badges	12.00
Registration Fees	19.00
Athletic Receipts	22,699.20
Hot Lunch Receipts	131,963.92
Tuition State Wards	24,278.51
Other Tuition	7,922.15
Sale of Books	27.60
Custodians Fees	350.60
Productivity	586.17
Total	<u>187,859.15</u>
Libraries:	
Fines, Rentals and Sales	4,365.95
Recreation:	
Showers	352.75
Unclassified:	
Somerville Housing Investment Fund	45,000.00
Electrolysis	500.00
Veterans Housing—Damage Award	1.00
Veterans Housing—Sale of Units	52,500.00
Conscience Fund	5.00
Cash Overages	390.70
Pro Forma Tax	122.68
Federal Tax Withholding	748,061.24
Deductions Savings Bonds	17,697.33
Deductions Blue Cross	95,601.25
Teachers' Retirement Deductions	128,794.03
Deductions Group Insurance	19,777.16
Deductions Credit Union	344,749.30
Insurance Deductions	1,032.89
Retirement Deductions	7.36
Retirement System Refund	1,172.82
Total	<u>1,455,412.76</u>
Total General Revenue	<u>2,917,052.24</u>

Water:

Metered Rates 1955	344,678.66
Monthly Rates 1955	231,692.99
Metered Rates 1954	58,207.21
Monthly Rates 1954	23,198.43
Metered Rates 1953	187.48
Water Maintenance	1,199.06
Service Assessment	513.74
Water Liens	6,848.83
Settlement Claims	958.85
Total	667,485.25

Interest:

Taxes	7,944.45
Excise	2,780.30
Tax Titles	4,424.86
Accrued Interest	1,442.74
Total	16,592.35

Income Trust Funds:

Contagious Hospital	26.25
School	1,245.27
Library	899.11
Recreation	95.68
Welfare	52.52
Total	2,318.83

Municipal Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans	3,600,000.00
Municipal Relief Loan	175,000.00
Elementary School Loan	425,000.00
Loan in Anticipation of Elementary School Loan	75,000.00
Premiums on Bonds	1,304.75
Total	4,276,304.75

Refunds:

Appropriations	44,027.67
Veterans Services	1,601.90
Non-Revenue Appropriations	148.15
Appropriations, Prior Years	3,904.19
Total	49,681.91
Total Receipts	\$19,856,565.37

EXPENDITURES**General Government**

Expenses

Outlays

Board of Aldermen Expenses

Personal Service:

Aldermen	\$5,500.00
City Clerk	900.00
Assistant City Clerk	900.00
City Messenger	900.00

8,200.00

Ordinary Maintenance:

Books, Postage & Supplies	1,726.82
Printing & Advertising	1,240.81
Refreshments	5,289.68
Flowers	110.00
Equipment & Repairs	11.00
Binding	259.50
Embossing Scrolls	90.00

8,727.81

16,927.81

Clerk of Committees

Personal Service:

Clerk	4,000.00
Assistant Clerk	3,710.00
Assist. at Board Meetings	1,200.00

8,910.00

Ordinary Maintenance:

Books, Postage & Supplies	148.43
Auto Allowance	250.00

398.43

9,308.43

Executive Department

Personal Service:

Mayor	10,000.00
Secretaries & Stenographer	12,966.36

22,966.36

Ordinary Maintenance:

Books, Postage & Supplies	872.31
Printing & Advertising	303.00
Telephone	445.92
Contingent Expenses	2,378.86
Dues	250.00
Maintenance of Equipment	30.00
Refreshments & Dinners ..	1,561.64
Photos	99.25
Flowers & Cards	641.90
Bus Hire	295.20
Scroll and Frame	55.30
All other	75.00

7,008.38

29,974.74

Auditing Department

		Expenses	Outlays
Personal Service:			
Auditor	5,650.00		
Bookkeeper and Assistant to Auditor	5,150.00		
Clerks	22,039.10		
	<u>32,839.10</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Books, Postage & Supplies	436.01		
Printing	2,437.12		
Telephone	124.54		
Maintenance of Equipment	280.03		
Conference Expenses	199.08		
Dues	45.00		
All other	3.20		
	<u>3,524.98</u>		
Equipment:			
Typewriter	181.25		
	<u>36,545.33</u>		

Treasury Department

Personal Service:			
Treasurer - Collector	5,650.00		
Deputy - Collector	4,650.00		
Cashiers	7,272.72		
Clerks	56,052.62		
	<u>73,625.34</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Books, Postage & Supplies	4,789.46		
Printing & Advertising	1,990.03		
Bonds	2,210.62		
Rental & Maint. of Equip.	887.48		
Telephone	117.92		
Auto Allowance	200.00		
Binding	300.00		
Conference Expenses	392.74		
Disbursements	44.98		
All other	34.15		
	<u>10,967.38</u>		
Equipment:			
Adding Machine	798.50		
Typewriter	238.75		
	<u>1,037.25</u>		
		85,629.97	

Assessors' Department

Personal Service:	
Chairman	4,500.00
Assessors	8,800.00
Clerks	26,515.96
	<u>39,815.96</u>
Carried forward	39,815.96

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	39,815.96		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Books, Postage & Supplies	676.82		
Printing & Advertising	743.47		
Maintenance of Equipment	582.40		
Binding	249.64		
Telephone	49.58		
Title Work	1,127.30		
Auto Allowance, Carfares	1,536.75		
Association Dues	90.00		
All other	27.84		
	<u>5,083.80</u>		
Special Item:			
Appraisal	5,850.00		
	<u>5,850.00</u>	50,749.76	
Licensing Commission			
Personal Service:			
Commissioners (3)	2,100.00		
Clerk	3,736.00		
	<u>5,836.00</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, Postage & Supplies	648.52		
Auto Allowance	773.68		
Commissioner's Expense ..	183.54		
Telephone	77.56		
Maint. of Office Equip. ...	13.45		
	<u>1,696.75</u>		
		7,532.75	
City Clerk's Department			
Personal Service:			
Clerk	6,350.00		
Assistant City Clerk	4,850.00		
Bookkeeper & Clerks	23,511.28		
	<u>34,711.28</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Books, Postage & Supplies	551.64		
Printing & Advertising	356.50		
Telephone	165.18		
Bonds	35.00		
Maintenance of Equipment	49.85		
Dues	90.00		
	<u>1,248.17</u>		
Special Item:			
Convention Expense	274.90		
	<u>274.90</u>	36,234.35	
Certification of Notes and Bonds			
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Cost of Certifying	2,549.10		
	<u>2,549.10</u>	2,549.10	

Law Department

		Expenses	Outlays
Personal Service:			
City Solicitor	5,350.00		
Assistant City Solicitor ...	4,350.00		
Clerical Services	3,766.36		
	<u>13,466.36</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Books, Postage & Supplies	378.55		
Telephone	207.62		
Auto Allowance	991.66		
Fees	235.10		
Expenses at Meetings	70.00		
Photos	303.10		
Subscription Fees	530.00		
Appraisals	62.00		
Typewriter Maintenance ..	30.00		
Court Cases, Draft, Legis-			
lation	190.00		
Medical Examinations	240.00		
All other	54.45		
	<u>3,292.48</u>		
		16,758.84	

Land Court Proceedings

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Recording	59.18		
Postage & Supplies	7.11		
Balance Due Tax Lien	4.00		
Notice of Filing	33.75		
Petition to Foreclose	586.72		
	<u>690.76</u>		
		690.76	

City Messenger

Personal Service:			
City Messenger	5,150.00		
Assistant City Messenger..	3,210.00		
	<u>8,360.00</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Auto Allowance	1,200.00		
	<u>9,560.00</u>		
		9,560.00	

Planning Board

Personal Service:			
Members of Board	2,500.00		
City Planner	3,632.71		
Secretary	3,250.00		
Research Clerk & Drafts-			
man	7,745.76		
	<u>17,128.47</u>		
Carried forward	17,128.47		

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	17,128.47		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Supplies, printing & postage	726.19		
Photos, Maps & Supplies ..	154.43		
Traveling Expense	58.26		
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	938.88		
		18,067.35	

Engineering Department

Personal Service:			
Assistant Engineers	23,922.82		
Clerk	3,766.36		
Others	1,695.49		
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	29,384.67		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	819.30		
Auto Allowance	600.00		
Telephone	196.50		
Instruments & Supplies	143.34		
Truck Maintenance	5,010.10		
Maintenance Office Equip.	15.16		
Bituminous Concrete for			
Trum Field	1,191.00		
Maint. Tools, Equipment ..	1,100.36		
Moving Monuments	352.00		
Materials & Supplies	1,756.23		
Concrete, Sand, Gravel ...	4,889.64		
Lumber	827.63		
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	16,901.26		
		46,285.93	

Public Works Department
Commissioner of Public Buildings

Personal Service:			
Superintendent	5,450.00		
Plan Checker	4,587.44		
Inspector Plumbing & Gas	4,535.16		
Clerks	9,652.85		
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	24,225.45		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	987.41		
Auto Allowance	900.00		
Telephone	139.69		
Dues	76.10		
All other	44.00		
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	2,147.20		
		26,372.65	

**Public Works Department
Maintenance Municipal Buildings—
City Hall**

		Expenses	Outlays
Personal Service:			
Janitors	17,056.36		
Telephone Operators	6,516.24		
	<u>23,572.60</u>		
Labor	941.92		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Light	1,490.65		
Furniture & Furnishings ...	643.13		
Janitors & Supplies	686.17		
Electrical & Bldg. Repairs	93.82		
Equipment	36.13		
Laundry	69.81		
Lumber	121.43		
Hardware & Materials	85.46		
Rental of Water Coolers ..	522.00		
Telephones	6,534.43		
Christmas Decorations	245.50		
Plumbing & Heating	137.18		
Bulbs	92.06		
Fuel	261.61		
Insurance	114.50		
	<u>11,133.88</u>		
		35,648.40	
Board of Appeal			
Personal Service:			
Members of Board	2,160.00		
Secretary	540.00		
Assistant Secretary	1,300.00		
	<u>4,000.00</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing & Advertising ...	96.25		
Supplies & Postage	160.83		
	<u>257.08</u>		
		4,257.08	

ELECTION EXPENSES

Board of Election Commissioners

Personal Service:	
Chairman	5,334.69
Commissioners (3)	2,093.51
Clerks	19,246.55
	<u>26,674.75</u>
Carried forward	26,674.75

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	26,674.75		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Postage & Supplies	962.56		
Printing & Advertising	8,792.94		
Refreshments	453.77		
Posting, Car Hire & Truck-			
ing	737.75		
Repairs & Delivering Bal-			
lot Boxes	167.75		
Telephone	126.30		
Election Supplies	514.45		
Repair & Rental of Equip.	36.50		
All other	67.00		
	<u>11,859.02</u>		
Special Items:			
Listing of State Census	2,878.63		
	<u>41,412.40</u>		
Pay of Election Officers			
Personal Service:			
Wardens & Clerks	3,302.00		
Inspectors	4,965.00		
Extra Clerks	4,912.00		
	<u>13,179.00</u>		
		13,179.00	
Public Works Department			
Maintenance Polling Places			
Personal Service:			
Janitors' Service	719.32		
Labor	1,266.32		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Rent	1,050.00		
Lumber	10.04		
Heating & Plumbing	15.85		
Bldg. & Electrical Repairs	104.88		
Rental of Chairs & Tables	58.00		
	<u>1,238.77</u>		
		3,224.41	

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**Police Department**

Personal Service:	
Chief	6,050.00
Deputy Chief	5,550.00
Captains	24,018.26
Lieutenants	46,744.50
Sergeants	50,674.00
Patrolmen	524,679.16
	<u>657,715.92</u>
Carried forward	657,715.92

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	657,715.92		
Garage Mechanic	4,100.75		
Matons	6,020.30		
	<u>667,836.97</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Auto Maintenance	4,049.78		
Equipment for Men	623.73		
Gasoline & Oil	6,035.66		
Garage Supplies	599.56		
School Patrol	345.00		
Books, Postage & Supplies	1,929.82		
Maintenance Office Equip.	102.64		
Care of Prisoners	163.23		
Telephone	4,064.37		
Laundry	57.14		
Bicycle Registration	136.20		
Photo Supplies	417.77		
Police Signal	230.54		
Medical Examinations	240.00		
Reimbursements for Injuries	1,031.20		
Expenses incurred Investi- gating Accidents, etc. ..	415.00		
Printing	685.50		
Rifle Range Supplies	219.82		
All other	8.10		
	<u>21,355.06</u>		
Special Items:			
Typewriters	296.37		
Uniform Allowances	12,300.00		
	<u>12,596.37</u>		
Equipment:			
New Cars	5,098.60		
	<u>706,887.00</u>		

**Public Works Department
Maintenance Police Dept. Bldg.**

Personal Service:	
Janitors	8,519.17
Labor	2,062.21
Ordinary Maintenance:	
Fuel	2,677.24
Light	2,167.50
Janitors' Supplies	619.78
Telephone	497.31
Furniture & Furnishings ..	348.12
Repairs to Bldg. & Elec. ...	791.62
Heating & Plumbing	812.24
Insurance	223.01
Windows Cleaned	80.00
Hardware & Materials	657.67
	<u>19,455.87</u>
Carried forward	

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	19,455.87		
Photo, Sink, Develop Tank	115.00		
Rent Water Cooler	60.00		
Tools & Equipment	191.35		
	<u>9,240.84</u>		
Special Item:			
Furn. & Erect. Turntable ..	2,830.00		
	<u>22,652.22</u>		

Fire Department

Personal Service:			
Chief	6,050.00		
Deputy Chiefs	16,649.51		
District Chiefs	20,200.00		
Captains	32,550.00		
Lieutenants	102,000.00		
Mechanics	16,400.00		
Firemen	732,296.42		
Ambulance Men	28,700.00		
Master Mechanic	5,050.00		
Clerk—Typist	4,240.00		
	<u>964,135.93</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Apparatus & Equipment ...	9,045.24		
Tires & Tubes	458.95		
Hose Repair	2,510.49		
Equipment for Men	95.75		
Hardware, Tools, etc.	267.87		
Gasoline, Grease & Oil ...	3,944.25		
Office Equip. & Maint.	74.07		
Batteries	250.55		
Printing, postage & supplies	1,292.94		
Telephone	2,333.14		
Janitors' Supplies	887.19		
Laundry	937.64		
Reimbursements—			
Medical Service	1,891.03		
Insurance	65.50		
	<u>24,054.61</u>		
Equipment:			
Pump & Hose Car	17,475.00		
Ladder Truck	36,077.00		
	<u>53,552.00</u>		
Special Items:			
Uniform Allowance	18,225.00		
Expenses at Convention ...	278.36		
	<u>18,503.36</u>		
		1,060,245.90	

**Public Works Department
Maintenance Fire Building**

		Expenses	Outlays
Labor	2,016.15		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Fuel	7,425.99		
Light	5,428.42		
Janitors' Supplies	221.70		
Electrical & Bldg. Repair ..	639.77		
Heating & Plumbing Sup.	764.28		
Furniture & Furnishings ..	304.60		
Hardware & Materials	972.11		
Lumber	369.56		
Insurance	806.61		
Exterminating	35.00		
All other	5.00		
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	16,973.04		
Special Item:			
Doors at Cross St.	662.00		
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		19,651.19	

Weights and Measures

Personal Service:			
Sealer	4,900.00		
Assistants	12,269.52		
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	17,169.52		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	263.71		
Auto Allowance	300.00		
Gas, Oil & Repairs	111.90		
Dies, Tools, etc.	60.32		
Hardware & Materials	89.65		
Advertising	4.12		
Expenses at Conference ..	60.00		
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	889.70		
		18,059.22	

Electrical Department

Personal Service:		
Commissioner	5,450.00	
Assistant Inspectors	8,977.38	
Fire Alarm Operators	36,084.39	
Radio Operators	16,042.26	
Traffic Men	12,807.50	
Other Employees	24,987.71	
Clerk	3,506.36	
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	107,855.60	
Ordinary Maintenance:		
Fire Alarm System	2,303.34	
Police Signal System	229.03	
Radio	246.67	
Hardware & Supplies	174.73	
Carried forward	110,809.37	

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	110,809.37		
Auto Allowance	300.00		
Maintenance of Trucks	1,762.04		
Telephone	739.78		
Rainwear	428.83		
Printing, postage & supplies	488.85		
Maintenance of Equip.	18.77		
Rent of Duct	11.00		
All other	18.00		
	<u>6,721.04</u>		
		114,576.64	

Public Works Department
Maintenance of Electrical Dept. Bldg.

Personal Service:			
Janitor	555.44		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Fuel	1,125.94		
Light	21.18		
Rental of Water Cooler ...	55.00		
Hardware & Materials	159.25		
Repairs to Bldgs. & Elec. ..	3.00		
Elec. for Air Raid Siren	4.03		
Insurance	103.71		
Furniture & Furnishings ..	188.93		
	<u>1,661.04</u>		
		2,216.48	

Civil Defense

Personal Service:			
Director	3,000.00		
Clerks	6,095.44		
	<u>9,095.44</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	211.09		
Advertising	62.25		
Telephone	264.79		
Maint. Office Equipment..	60.00		
First Aid Books & Supplies	622.50		
Radio Equip. & Supplies ..	5.66		
Auto Maintenance	368.24		
Auxiliary Police	3,054.23		
Auxiliary Fire	198.07		
Reimburse. Misc. Supplies	153.26		
Misc. Hardware & Supplies	250.94		
Transportation Services ...	44.00		
Helmets	72.00		
	<u>5,367.03</u>		
Special Items:			
Generator—Communications	740.90		
Attack Warning Material	1,348.42		
Carried forward	16,551.79		

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	16,551.79		
Education & Training	176.00		
Radiological Instruments..	480.39		
Water Cooler	215.00		
2 Generator Plants & Tanks	6,471.00		
Radio Apparatus	99.90		
Ammunition for Training	186.13		
	<u>9,717.74</u>		
		24,180.21	

FORESTRY**Public Works Department
Suppression of Moths**

Labor	949.96	
	<u>949.96</u>	

**Public Works Department
Care of Trees**

Labor	13,133.39	
Ordinary Maintenance:		
Tools & Hardware	170.44	
Rent of Equipment	1,368.76	
Truck Maintenance	83.00	
Equipment & Repairs	380.18	
Remove Tree & Stumps ...	2,083.60	
Insecticides	255.75	
	<u>4,341.73</u>	
		17,475.12

HEALTH**Health Department**

Personal Service:		
Members of Board	2,250.00	
Clerk (½ salary)	2,991.65	
Medical Inspector	4,250.00	
Acting Medical Inspector	210.00	
Bacteriologist (½ salary)..	2,075.00	
Health Nurses	10,200.00	
	<u>21,976.65</u>	
Ordinary Maintenance:		
Printing, postage & supplies	341.14	
Carfares & Tel. Calls	182.19	
Lab. Supplies & Laundry ..	71.04	
Express Charges	28.98	
Care of Premature Babies	7,864.78	
Food Handlers X-Ray	214.00	
All other	10.00	
Quarantine & Contagious Diseases:		
Ear Clinic	219.00	
Infantile Paralysis	676.90	
Carried forward	31,584.68	

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	31,584.68		
Diphtheria Immunization..	107.65		
Cities & Towns	1,599.75		
Other Institutions	673.94		
Polio Inoculation	176.84		
Tuberculosis:			
Cities & Towns	465.25		
State	1,320.00		
Middlesex Sanitarium	26,914.16		
Other Institutions	270.27		
All other	610.54		
	<u>41,746.43</u>		
Equipment:			
Typewriter	328.75		
	<u>328.75</u>	64,051.83	
City Clerk's Department			
Vital Statistics			
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	538.02		
Binding	66.34		
	<u>604.36</u>		
		604.36	
Inspection of Animals & Provisions			
Personal Service:			
Chief Health Inspector	3,901.56		
Inspectors	11,072.01		
Veterinarian	3,350.00		
	<u>18,323.57</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Carfares	250.00		
	<u>250.00</u>	18,573.57	
Inspection of Milk & Vinegar			
Personal Service:			
Inspector	2,899.49		
Bacteriologist (½ salary)..	2,075.00		
Clerk (½ salary)	2,075.00		
	<u>7,049.49</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	173.04		
Lab. Equipment & Supplies	235.04		
Auto Allowance	200.00		
	<u>608.08</u>	7,657.57	

Division of Dental Hygiene

		Expenses	Outlays
Personal Service:			
Inspector & Assistants	24,110.00		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Doctors' Supplies	486.72		
Laundry	293.95		
Supplies, printing & postage	321.65		
Repairs to Equipment	297.25		
	<u>1,399.57</u>		
		25,509.57	

Inspection of School Children

Personal Service:			
Inspectors & Assistants ...	4,949.29		
Nurses	16,425.00		
	<u>21,374.29</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	44.00		
Carfares	94.69		
	<u>138.69</u>		
		21,512.98	

SANITATION**Public Works Department
Sewers Maintenance**

Labor	68,107.74		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Trucks Maintenance	1,790.53		
Tools, Equip. & Repairs ...	2,138.05		
Materials & Supplies	3,349.18		
Care of Medford St. Pump	370.09		
Castings	748.50		
Sewer Repair, Pearl St.	125.00		
Backhoe Service	248.00		
	<u>8,769.35</u>		
		76,877.09	

Sewers Construction

Contract Catch Basins, etc. ..	<u>6,532.44</u>		
			6,532.44

Sanitary Department

Personal Service:			
Superintendent	5,700.00		
Bookkeeper	4,026.36		
	<u>9,726.36</u>		
Labor	407,106.39		
Carried forward	416,832.75		

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	416,832.75		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	444.30		
Auto Allowance	401.50		
Telephone	193.30		
Trucks Maint.—Supplies..	25,031.98		
Gas, Oil & Grease	16,048.62		
Material & Supplies	1,202.60		
Maint. Office Equipment..	63.92		
Dump	29,916.67		
Buckets	984.64		
Medical Examination	60.00		
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	74,347.53		
Special Items:			
Garbage Disposal	6,993.32		
Rainwear	1,000.00		
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	7,993.32		
		499,173.60	
Public Works Department			
Street Cleaning			
Labor	38,830.83		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Maintenance of Equipment	7,635.89		
Materials & Supplies	235.25		
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	7,871.14		
		46,701.97	
Public Works Department			
Highway Maintenance			
Personal Service:			
Commissioner	5,450.00		
Assistant Commissioner ...	900.00		
Clerks	7,566.48		
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	13,916.48		
Labor	98,358.52		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & Supplies	669.59		
Telephone	599.12		
Tools, Equip. & Repairs ...	1,553.63		
Truck Maint. & Supplies ..	3,789.87		
Broken Stone, Brick, Ce- ment	3,321.71		
Lumber	789.53		
Resurfacing Materials	11,308.18		
Hardware & Paint Supplies	2,803.11		
Gasoline & Motor Oil	4,483.40		
Weather Reports	50.00		
Signs	733.86		
Oil & Waste	438.49		
Fences	7.68		
Safety Cones	91.08		
Maintenance of Equipment	30.00		
Carried forward	142,944.25		

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	142,944.25		
Construction	2,984.08		
Rent	27.00		
	<u>33,680.33</u>		
		145,955.33	
Public Works Department Sidewalks Maintenance			
Labor	20,038.74		
	<u>20,038.74</u>	20,038.74	
Chapter 90—Highways			
Construction	124,958.48		
	<u>124,958.48</u>		124,958.48
Public Works Department Snow Removal			
Labor	3,501.04		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Sand, Cinders, & Salt	2,718.98		
Tools, Equip. & Repairs ...	111.71		
Repair of Trucks, Plows, Etc.	803.75		
Gas & Oil	747.38		
	<u>4,381.82</u>		
		7,882.86	
Public Works Department Street Lighting			
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Street Lights	122,714.09		
Supplies	408.50		
Spot Lights	180.38		
Flood Lighting Trum Field	694.52		
Lights Memorial Park	41.90		
Bulbs	48.62		
Christmas Lighting	1,239.58		
	<u>125,327.59</u>		
Special Items:			
Christmas Lighting	1,604.85		
Christmas Decorations	366.00		
	<u>1,970.85</u>		
		127,298.44	
Public Works Department Traffic Light Maintenance			
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Electricity	2,920.68		
Supplies	796.54		
Repairs	147.75		
Signs	551.56		
	<u>4,416.53</u>		
		4,416.53	

Parking Lot Account

		Expenses	Outlays
Rent of Lot	2,280.00		
Fence	2,011.00		
Insurance	791.07		
Materials & Supplies, Cement & Concrete	769.40		
Curbs	1,493.48		
Rental Backhoe	550.00		
Frames, Grates, Catch Basin	409.69		
Steel Light Poles	906.00		
Setting Edgestones & Corners	421.00		
Guard Rail	1,932.37		
End Post and Channel Section	972.48		
Advertising	11.25		
Hardware & Paint	20.74		
Pipe for Meters	107.30		
Surfacing Parking Area	2,325.00		
Signs	98.33		
Meters	2,977.50		
Tree & Brush Removal	650.00		
Electricity	188.84		
Grove St. Paving	3,598.42		
	<u>22,513.87</u>		

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Parking Meters

Personal Service:	
Repair Men	18,024.47
Ordinary Maintenance:	
Repairs & Parts for Meters	1,455.92
Office Supplies	84.34
Truck Maintenance	266.60
Gravel Mix	325.05
Misc. Equip. and Repairs	70.03
Other Supplies	851.53
Signs	140.80
New Meters	1,320.95
Cartridges	54.00
Repairs to Compressor	82.12
Pipe	48.65
	<u>4,699.99</u>

22,724.46

WELFARE**Welfare Miscellaneous**

Personal Service:	
Members of Board	2,547.81
Agent	5,434.94
Clerks	5,752.49
Social Workers	16,760.76
City Physician	4,210.00
Assistant City Physicians ..	5,499.60
Carried forward	40,205.60

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	40,205.60		
Nurse	3,269.52		
Dental & Medical Assistant	1,970.65		
	<u>45,445.77</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	137.70		
Carfares & Auto Allowance	1,442.26		
Telephone	231.10		
Binding	230.00		
Laundry	91.50		
Truck Hire	5,352.50		
Expenses of Agent, etc. ...	794.16		
Maintenance Office Equip. & Rental	31.20		
Convention Expenses	180.56		
Outside Relief:			
Cash Pay Rolls	76,731.01		
Board & Care	830.79		
Groceries & Provisions	17,095.48		
Dry Goods & Clothing	1,073.74		
Medicine & Medical At- tendance	9,485.22		
Doctors' Supplies	332.76		
Ambulance & Taxi Service	107.90		
Somerville Hospital	8,790.55		
Petty Cash	303.41		
State Institutions	7,609.89		
Other Institutions	15,058.82		
Burials	595.00		
Relief by Cities & Towns ..	50,827.79		
Social Service Index	93.75		
Central Hospital	1,566.00		
Execute Court Case	572.25		
Dues, etc.	55.00		
	<u>199,620.34</u>		
		245,066.11	
Disability Assistance			
Personal Service:			
Social Workers	7,467.46		
Clerk	1,144.51		
	<u>8,611.97</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Cash Pay Roll	188,486.90		
Carfares & Auto Allowance	542.00		
Supplies, printing & postage	543.91		
Maintenance of Equipment	38.80		
Medical Consultations	375.00		
Telephone	162.48		
Reimbursements	20.00		
	<u>190,169.09</u>		
Carried forward	<u>198,781.06</u>		

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	198,781.06		
Equipment:			
Master & Secretarial Audio-graph	679.52		
	<u> </u>	199,460.58	
Federal Grant—Disability Assistance Administration			
Personal Service:			
Social Workers	11,984.43		
Clerks	1,943.62		
	<u> </u>		
	13,928.05	13,928.05	
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Cash Pay Rolls	91,730.66		
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	91,730.66	91,730.66	
Aid to Dependent Children			
Personal Service:			
Social Workers	15,933.08		
Clerks	7,338.96		
	<u> </u>		
	23,272.04		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	1,026.40		
Carfares & Auto Allowance	1,237.41		
Cash Pay Rolls	249,791.64		
Social Service Index	170.25		
Maintenance of Equipment	52.00		
Telephone	16.55		
Cash Disbursements	22.00		
	<u> </u>		
	252,316.25	275,588.29	
Federal Grant—Aid to Dependent Children Administration			
Personal Service:			
Social Workers	16,172.71		
Clerks	7,267.45		
	<u> </u>		
	23,440.16	23,440.16	
Federal Grant—Aid to Dependent Children			
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Cash Pay Rolls	203,348.62		
	<u> </u>	203,348.62	

Old Age Assistance

		Expenses	Outlays
Personal Service:			
Social Workers	23,470.90		
Clerks	14,919.95		
	<u>38,390.85</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	4,828.68		
Carfares & Auto Allowance	1,649.71		
Cash Aid	962,181.52		
Telephone	114.80		
Maintenance of Equipment	578.61		
Relief by Cities & Towns ..	116,576.06		
Social Service Index	281.25		
Medical Care	450.00		
All other	17.23		
	<u>1,086,677.86</u>		
Equipment:			
Typewriter	425.00		
Audograph	679.52		
	<u>1,104.52</u>		
		1,126,173.23	

Federal Grant—**Old Age Assistance Administration**

Personal Service:			
Social Workers	29,723.34		
Clerks	19,182.41		
	<u>48,905.75</u>		
		48,905.75	

Federal Grant—**Old Age Assistance**

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Cash Pay Rolls	741,292.24		
	<u>741,292.24</u>		
		741,292.24	

**Public Works Department
Maintenance City Home Bldg.**

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Light	28.13		
	<u>28.13</u>		
		28.13	

VETERANS' SERVICES**Veterans' Services**

Personal Service:		
Agent	5,050.00	
Clerks	6,195.56	
Investigators	20,650.00	
	<u>31,895.56</u>	
Carried forward	31,895.56	

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	31,895.56		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, postage & supplies	535.37		
Carfares & Auto Allowance	1,950.00		
Maint. of Equipment	70.00		
Convention Expenses	60.00		
Association Dues	10.00		
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	2,625.37	34,520.93	

Veterans' Benefits—Somerville

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Cash Aid	24,694.50		
Medicine & Medical At-			
tendance	1,501.71		
Hospital Care	4,843.05		
Groceries & Provisions	1,112.24		
Board and Care	1,190.06		
Home-maker Services	126.25		
Cities and Towns	12.50		
All other	13.78		
Moving	72.16		
Fuel	1,792.50		
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	35,358.75	35,358.75	

Veterans' Benefits—State

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Cash Aid	25,719.50		
Medicine & Medical At-			
tendance	1,501.79		
Hospital Care	4,845.10		
Groceries & Provisions	1,127.23		
Board & Care	1,190.11		
Home-maker Services	126.25		
Fuel	1,912.50		
Cities & Towns	12.50		
Moving	72.17		
All other	13.78		
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	36,520.93	36,520.93	

Soldiers' Burials

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Burials—Somerville	294.60		
Burials—State	449.50		
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	744.10	744.10	

Veterans' Graves Registration

Personal Service:			
Graves Registration Officer	750.00		
Carried forward	750.00		

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	750.00		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Wreaths, Baskets	70.00		
Flags	26.40		
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	846.40		
		846.40	

EDUCATION

School Contingent

Personal Service:	
Superintendent	10,000.00
Assistant Superintendent ..	9,000.00
Clerks	58,153.06
Attendance Officer	4,683.49
Super. School Cafeteria ...	4,166.86
Other Employees	1,004.37
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	87,007.78
Ordinary Maintenance:	
Printing, postage & supplies	6,369.55
Telephone	6,922.44
Auto Allowance, Carfares	1,536.11
All other	68.13
Dues	265.00
Textbooks & Supplies	
Text & Reference Books ..	19,593.86
School Supplies	33,993.09
Equipment & Repairs	2,300.35
Manual Training & Supplies	14,070.39
Musical Instruments & Sup.	1,581.90
Binding	537.70
Other Expenses	
Diplomas & Grad. Expenses	1,061.37
Officials at Games	317.50
Express	456.37
Disbursements	164.24
Catering & Dinners	1,022.12
Printing Tickets, Annual	
Report	1,153.70
Forster School Spec. Classes	888.80
First Aid Supplies	176.58
Swim Periods	375.00
Care of Truants	26.00
Athletic Supplies & Equip.	3,482.56
New Equipment	9,229.13
Bus Service	5,151.25
Education Tests	232.24
Expense of Drivers—	
Training Cars	230.89
M. T. A. Tickets — Pupils	
Transportation	6,443.75
Carried forward	204,657.80

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	204,657.80		
Travel in State	328.71		
Expenses at Convention ..	147.37		
Band Uniforms	69.00		
	<u>118,195.10</u>		
		205,202.88	
Outside Tuition			
Ordinary Maintenance:			
City of Boston	4,659.66		
Other Cities	3,301.82		
Transportation	409.36		
	<u>8,370.84</u>		
		8,370.84	
School Teachers' Salaries			
Personal Service:			
Day School	2,621,449.94		
Evening School	12,986.10		
Americanization	7,087.15		
Military Service Acct.	2,000.00		
	<u>2,643,523.19</u>		
		2,643,523.19	
Elementary Schools			
Capen Street:			
Architect Fees	3,055.72		
Contract Payments	181,142.81		
Inspector Services	180.00		
Meacham Street:			
Architect Fees	9,865.73		
Contract Payments	607,663.19		
	<u>801,907.45</u>		
		801,907.45	
Elementary Schools—1955			
Pope School:			
Architect Fees	23,606.02		
Inspector Services	1,680.00		
Test Borings	391.20		
Engineers Services	500.00		
Advertising	313.51		
Furniture & Furnishings ..	3,802.34		
Duplicator Supplies	35.89		
Contract Payments	124,558.96		
Meacham Street School:			
Architect Fees	750.00		
Advertising	31.87		
Furnishings & Equipment..	26,203.38		
Duplicator Supplies	35.89		
	<u>181,909.06</u>		
Carried forward	181,909.06		

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	181,909.06		
Capen Street School:			
Architect Fees	350.00		
Advertising	31.87		
Furnishings & Equipment	6,041.19		
Duplicator Supplies	35.89		
	<u>188,368.01</u>		
			188,368.01

Public Works Department
Maintenance School Buildings
Buildings and Grounds

Labor	110,660.25		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Furniture & Furnishings ...	3,997.49		
Janitors' Supplies	7,916.97		
Laundry	2,633.44		
Electrical & Bldg. Repairs	25,081.79		
Heating & Plumb. Repairs	13,500.61		
Equipment & Repairs	3,562.45		
Glass, Hardware & Paint ..	47,623.84		
Lumber	6,429.80		
Night Watch Service	369.20		
Flags & Flag Poles	165.95		
Care of Grounds	102.57		
Truck Maintenance	1,751.73		
Electricity	853.75		
Insurance	5,056.97		
Electric Bulbs	1,461.20		
Carfare Allowance	300.00		
Exterminating	1,320.61		
Tools	1,525.72		
Electrical Supplies	5,123.90		
Forster School Supplies ...	3,266.44		
All other	4.72		
Cleaning Windows	94.00		
Oxy. Soda Ash	146.54		
10 Drums Oil	256.20		
Inspector Service	150.00		
Draw Curtains—Stage West-			
Junior High	428.00		
	<u>133,123.89</u>		
		243,784.14	

Public Works Department
Maintenance School Buildings
Janitors' Salaries

Personal Service:			
Janitors' Salaries	215,537.61		
	<u>215,537.61</u>		
		215,537.61	

**Public Works Department
Maintenance School Buildings
Fuel & Light**

		Expenses	Outlays
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Fuel	72,448.33		
Light	36,585.60		
	<u>109,033.93</u>		
		109,033.93	

**School Department—
Hot Lunch Program**

Personal Service:			
Supervisor	856.26		
Cooks	1,201.20		
Helpers	1,538.93		
	<u>3,596.39</u>		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Groceries & Meat	1,607.40		
Laundry	22.65		
Cafeteria & Kitchen Sup...	1,349.14		
Service in Cafeteria	238.50		
Paper Goods	62.75		
Serv. Chg. on Commodities	21.00		
Printing & Office Supplies	22.61		
Ice Cream	1,555.37		
Milk & Cream	3,108.33		
Insurance	11.85		
	<u>7,999.60</u>		
		11,595.99	

**Cafeteria and Hot Lunch
High and Junior High**

Salaries:			
High	4,016.14		
Northeastern	2,344.05		
Southern	1,912.35		
Western	2,628.75		
	<u>10,901.29</u>		
		10,901.29	

Hot Lunch Receipts

Salaries:			
High School	4,732.01		
Northeastern	2,872.65		
Southern	2,727.61		
Western	3,482.70		
Clerical	598.26		
Elementary:			
Cooks	1,365.00		
Helpers	2,014.15		
Supervisor	1,094.11		
	<u>18,886.49</u>		
Carried forward	18,886.49		

	Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	18,886.49	
Ordinary Maintenance:		
Meats & Groceries	26,883.73	
Milk & Cream	47,754.22	
Ice Cream	18,726.15	
Kitchen & Cafeteria Sup. ..	374.95	
Maintenance of Equipment	76.97	
Telephone	369.75	
Printing & Office Supplies	125.88	
Services in Cafeteria	1,439.16	
Laundry	446.17	
Petty Cash	1,623.23	
Bond & Insurance	25.70	
Paper, Supplies, Misc. Ma- terials	990.04	
Service Charges on Com- modities	240.50	
Equipment	1,681.63	
Dish Washers — 2	3,275.75	
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	104,033.83	
		122,920.32

High School Athletic Account

Ordinary Maintenance:		
Transportation	491.90	
Service at games	1,265.00	
Equipment & Repair	1,812.72	
Share profit - other schools	2,869.63	
Food	330.08	
Medical Services and sup- plies	532.56	
Telephone	58.25	
Athletic Supplies	2,025.88	
Fees	10.00	
Photographs	198.75	
Public Address System ...	10.00	
Expenses at Convention & Track Meets	72.40	
Association Dues	20.00	
Printing, Tickets, etc.	104.78	
Rent Rink	50.00	
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	9,851.95	
		9,851.95

School—Athletic Receipts

Ordinary Maintenance:	
Transportation	853.50
Services at Games	2,103.00
Insurance	16.35
Equipment & Repairs	2,955.76
Medical Attention & Sup- plies	593.50
Telephone	137.27
Registration Fee & Dues ..	43.75
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Carried forward	6,703.13

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	6,703.13		
Rent of Rink	319.00		
Food	260.31		
Janitors' Services	20.00		
Share Profit other schools	30.39		
Public Address System	45.00		
Disbursements - Petty Cash	164.21		
Tourney Tickets, other			
Tickets	8,131.23		
Track Team Expenses	119.25		
Printing	43.00		
Dues	15.00		
Athletic Supplies	3,295.79		
Uniforms	688.83		
All other	11.90		
A. A. Guarantee of Game	125.00		
Rent Chairs, band	25.00		
	<u>19,997.04</u>		
		19,997.04	
Land Taking—			
Mount Vernon Avenue			
Taxes	19.31		
	<u>19.31</u>		
		19.31	
School Trust Funds			
Smith-Hughes Fund:			
Teachers' Salaries	2,815.97		
S. Newton Cutler Fund:			
Books	313.42		
George Barden Fund:			
Teachers' Salaries	1,624.93		
	<u>4,754.32</u>		
		4,754.32	

LIBRARIES**Central and Branch Libraries**

Personal Service:	
Librarian	6,050.00
Assistants	130,091.39
	<u>136,141.39</u>
Ordinary Maintenance:	
Books	19,914.58
Periodicals	1,316.85
Music	1,046.14
Binding	630.91
Postage & Office Supplies	2,952.12
Printing & Advertising	664.00
Carried forward	162,665.99

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	162,665.99		
Telephone	1,595.89		
Auto Allowance	300.00		
Express	911.03		
Repairs to Equipment	108.35		
Cash Expense	113.38		
All other	14.30		
Board Trustees Expenses	150.96		
Dues	16.00		
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	29,734.51		
Equipment:			
Typewriter	450.00		
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		166,325.90	

**Public Works Department
Maintenance Central Library**

Personal Service:			
Janitors' Salaries	11,141.65		
Labor	15,273.14		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Fuel	1,273.27		
Light	1,976.50		
Janitors' Supplies	138.10		
Repairs to Bldg. & Electric	493.61		
Hardware & Materials	684.02		
Rental of Water Cooler	60.00		
Plumbing & Heating	554.65		
Electric Supplies	282.00		
Insurance	842.61		
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	6,304.76		
Special Items:			
Contract Payments, etc. ..	5,468.97		
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		38,188.52	

**Public Works Department
Maintenance of West Branch Library**

Personal Service:			
Janitors' Salaries	4,222.36		
Labor	321.47		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Fuel	489.49		
Light	526.21		
Insurance	714.26		
Plumbing & Heating	57.50		
Repairs to Bldg. & Electric	980.00		
Hardware & Materials	81.58		
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	2,849.04		
		7,392.87	

**Public Works Department
Maintenance East Branch Library**

		Expenses	Outlays
Personal Service:			
Janitors' Salaries	4,326.36		
Labor	768.90		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Fuel	693.60		
Light	236.30		
Repairs to Bldg. & Elec. ...	1,175.41		
Hardware & Materials	45.38		
Plumbing & Heating	141.90		
Insurance	315.26		
	<hr/> 2,607.85		
		7,703.11	

**Public Works Department
Maintenance Teele Square Branch Library**

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Rent	7,000.00		
Linoleum Flooring	785.00		
	<hr/> 7,785.00		
		7,785.00	

**Public Works Department
Maintenance Ten Hills Branch Library**

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Rent	3,600.00		
Insurance	49.50		
	<hr/> 3,649.50		
		3,649.50	

**Public Works Department
Maintenance Union Square Branch Library**

Personal Service:			
Janitors' Salaries	3,036.34		
Labor	6.54		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Rent	625.81		
Fuel	273.74		
Light	67.26		
	<hr/> 966.81		
		4,009.69	

Public Library Trust Funds

Hunt Book Fund:			
Books	103.50		
Pitman Art Fund:			
Books	202.17		
Pitman Poetry Fund:			
Books	17.28		
J. F. Wellington Fund:			
Supplies	68.00		
	<hr/> 390.95		
		390.95	

RECREATION

Expenses

Outlays

**Public Works Department
Engineering—Playgrounds****Maintenance**

Labor 34,378.58

Ordinary Maintenance:

Maintenance of Trucks 549.28

Tools, Equipment & Repairs 1,267.22

Materials & Supplies 1,749.29

Fences, Seats 5,662.24

Skating Areas 990.00

Planting, Grading, Seeding 651.00

All other 1.00

10,870.03

Special Items:

Conway Playground 2,192.13

Repair Lincoln Park Field

House 990.00

3,182.13

48,430.74

**Public Works Department
Parks Maintenance**

Labor 47,800.66

Ordinary Maintenance:

Maintenance of Trucks 133.33

Tools, Equipment, Repairs

& Supplies 797.50

Flags & Flag Poles 119.77

Electricity, Honor Roll 45.89

Material & Supplies 1,109.19

Miscellaneous Repairs 710.73

Grading & Seeding 2,795.23

Fences 1,338.11

7,049.75

Special Items:

Grader Conway Playground 480.00

Honor Roll 14,872.35

Prospect Hill Tower 12,160.63

27,512.98

82,363.39

**Public Works Department
Maintenance Park Buildings**

Personal Service:

Janitors' Salaries 913.16

Labor 716.87

Ordinary Maintenance:

Fuel 2,574.56

Light 1,455.37

Hardware & Materials 76.60

Carried forward 5,736.56

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	5,736.56		
Laundry & Janitors' Sup. ..	905.04		
Heating & Plumbing	426.34		
Lumber	160.96		
Repairs to Bldg. & Electric	1,964.63		
Cover Floor Lincoln Park ..	475.00		
Insurance	593.43		
Furniture & Furnishings ..	73.69		
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	8,705.62	10,335.65	

Recreation Commission

Personal Service:	
Superintendent	6,400.00
Instructors & Other Em-	
ployees	65,262.20
Clerical Hire	5,601.84
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	77,264.04

Ordinary Maintenance:	
Printing, Postage, Supplies	871.17
Auto Allowance & Carfares	262.95
Hardware & Materials	200.77
Apparatus & Supplies	4,903.23
Telephone	503.48
Disbursements — Associa-	
tion Meeting, etc.	101.26
Playground Supplies	1,037.73
Auto Maintenance	657.56
Express	38.54
Repair Photograph	38.60
Maint. of Office Equipment	24.40
Truck Hire	25.00
Photo Supplies & Photos ..	265.21
Rent Bus	20.00
All other	20.00
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	8,969.90

Equipment:	
Swing Set	380.36
Truck	1,918.50
Folding Chairs	518.57
Swing Chair	69.00
Oak Chairs	180.50
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	3,066.93

89,300.87

Recreation Trust Funds

Mary A. Haley Fund:	
Hand Work Supplies ...	95.72
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95.72

**Public Works Department
Maintenance Municipal Bldg.—Bandstand**

		Expenses	Outlays
Ordinary Maintenance:	16.00		
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Celebrations and Conventions

April 19	436.53		
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**Public Works Department
Maintenance Bow St. Building**

Personal Service:			
Janitors' Salaries	5,028.50		
Labor	2,395.88		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Fuel	1,667.07		
Light	484.24		
Hardware & Supplies	753.14		
Rental of Water Cooler ...	50.00		
Janitors' Supplies	299.23		
Plumbing & Heating	366.39		
Electric Stove	44.00		
Insurance	210.73		
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	3,874.80	11,299.18	

Quarters for Veterans Organizations

Ordinary Maintenance:			
American Legion No. 447	550.00		
U.S.S. Baltimore Post	175.00		
Marine Corps	600.00		
Italian American Veterans	540.00		
Jewish War Veterans	600.00		
Amvets—John Waldron ...	600.00		
Amer. Portuguese Veterans	600.00		
Abraham Lincoln No. 1 ..	192.00		
Military Order of the Purple Heart	650.00		
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	4,507.00	4,507.00	

Damage to Persons and Property

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Settlement of Claims	16,059.79		
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**Public Works Department
Somerville Municipal Garage—
Equipment**

Electric Saw	420.00
Water Billing Machine	2,845.35
Machine Jobmaster	194.20
Printing Advertising	44.25
Two Trucks	4,740.00
Miscellaneous Equipment..	1,596.04
Elgin Cab	589.00
Motor Pick-up Sweeper	11,670.00
Embosses Plates, Frames ..	1,489.42
Cab for Wayne Sweeper..	589.00
Truck Chassis and Cab	9,677.50
Pump	375.00
Concrete Saw	939.50
Radio Equipment Unit	64.93
Two Trucks	11,601.36
Tires	925.42
Water Pump	956.77
Drip Pans for Sanitary Gar.	1,415.40
Mesh Steel Grilles	721.30
Staging for P. W. Building	700.00
Counter Set-up	604.75
Generator Pumps, Hose ...	2,128.28
Hoist for Truck	580.00
Cabinets	3,232.15

58,099.62

Expenses

Outlays

58,099.62

**Public Works Department
Somerville Municipal Garage—**

Building

Contract Payments	3,000.00
Rental Garage Mystic Ave.	1,750.00
Screen	5,206.28
Plumbing & Heating	124.00
Spray Booth	6,419.60
Equipment	715.30
Typewriters	395.00
Extinguishers	96.60
Ryan Road Extension	1,355.28
Cinder Block Wall	982.00
Electrical Fittings	38.96
Lockers	638.40
Desks and Chairs	1,349.50
Table, Cabinet, Desk, Counter	1,497.00
Chair & Cabinet, Tables ..	1,213.00
Storage Yard, Contract Payments	26,840.40
Printing & Advertising	12.00
Flag for Office	120.00
Rental Equipment	1,718.00

53,471.32

53,471.32

Memorial Day

		Expenses	Outlays
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Dilboy V. F. W.	800.00		
Post No. 19 A. L.	1,050.00		
D. A. V. Chapter 27	309.60		
Gold Star Mothers	55.80		
Post No. 388 A. L.	150.00		
Disabled Amvets	90.00		
James A. Logan Post	150.00		
Marine Corps	150.00		
Sapnish War Veterans	235.00		
Sons & Daughters of United Veterans	35.00		
Levenson Post No. 285 ...	150.00		
Geo. Keenan Post No. 278	50.00		
United War Mothers	98.55		
Amer. Portuguese Veterans	65.00		
Baltimore No. 9995	150.00		
Military Order of Purple Heart	150.00		
Abraham Lincoln Post	149.80		
American Legion No. 447	150.00		
Italian American Post 20	150.00		
Union Square No. 377	143.30		
Firemen's Memorial	152.50		
	<hr/> 4,434.55		
		4,434.55	

Municipal Documents

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing,.....	6,440.14		
Advertising	13.50		
	<hr/> 6,453.64		
		6,453.64	

Rent Control

Personal Service:			
Director	5,200.00		
Clerks	5,009.00		
Investigators	222.50		
	<hr/> 10,431.50		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Supplies, printing & postage	110.42		
Telephone	155.27		
	<hr/> 265.69		
		10,697.19	

City Employees Group Insurance

Ordinary Maintenance:			
City's Contribution	17,868.80		
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		17,868.80	

P. W. D. Demolition

No. 64 Franklin Street	900.00
City Home	1,433.79
Dilboy Field	890.00
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	3,223.79

Expenses

Outlays

3,223.79

Income Sale of Veterans Housing Units

Investment of Funds	12,782.16
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12,782.16

Public Works Department

Personal Service:

Commissioner	9,800.00
Engineer	5,450.00
Clerks	7,459.69
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	22,709.69

Labor	16,112.35
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Ordinary Maintenance:

Supplies, Printing, Postage	1,809.78
Telephone	677.20
Hardware & Materials	2,410.03
Plumbing & Heating	370.63
Auto Allowance	300.00
Sidewalk — Powder House	
Blvd. Packard Ave.	231.40
Backhoe Service	2,520.00
Pumps—Rental, Operators	2,816.43
Rental Dump	1,480.00
Fences	2,211.24
Tree Removing	1,429.00
Equip. Maint. & Repair ...	542.77
Knapp School Repairs	3,025.21
Crane Rental — Operators	2,622.50
Prescott School Repairs ...	1,723.42
Cement Paving & Patching	1,790.54
Repair Plaster High School	965.30
Redecorate Cholerton School	970.00
New Trees	480.00
Meacham School Floors ...	553.13
Auto Maintenance	1,702.91
Furniture & Furnishings ..	543.00
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31,174.49

Public Works Department

Equipment: (and Collateral)

Electric Supplies	1,364.10
Traffic Cntrrollers for	
Schools	1,368.50
Frames, Grates	192.10
Duplicator & Cabinet	379.50
Master Clock	275.00
School Sets	180.00
Carried forward	73,755.73

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	73,755.73		
Tables & Chairs	174.00		
Truck Fire Alarm Division	3,075.00		
Central Library, Repairs, Furnishings	5,464.46		
Lumber	1,819.16		
Steel Filing Cabinets, Lamps, Stands	1,573.12		
Central Library Lighting ..	672.79		
	<u>16,537.73</u>		
Special Items:			
Dishwashing Machine Southern Junior High ..	1,846.60		
Dishwashing Machine North- eastern Junior High	1,204.35		
Dishwashing Machine West- ern Junior High	1,799.85		
Prospect Hill Tower	31,315.39		
Misc. Demolition & Sup.	4,642.91		
Conway Playground	3,690.00		
Honor Roll—Contract Pay- ments	11,307.42		
Central Street Approach ..	2,389.23		
Construction Manholes	1,083.60		
Steel Cabinets—City Clerk	825.00		
Cutler School Repairs	3,433.00		
Trum Field Clubhouse	4,925.35		
Hill Crest Tot Lot—Misc.	1,298.01		
Hill Crest Tot Lot—Con- struction	2,940.53		
Hill Crest Tot Lot—Equip.	1,012.80		
Hill Crest Tot Lot—Fence	887.50		
Safety Hardware	1,076.91		
Central Library Lighting ..	3,865.10		
Lexington Ave. Partial Pay- ment Land	400.00		
	<u>79,943.55</u>		
		166,477.81	

Public Works Department
Maintenance Public Works Building

Personal Service:	
Janitors' Salaries	17,221.74
Labor	11,462.51
Ordinary Maintenance:	
Light	3,806.94
Fuel	7,437.85
Janitor's Supplies	891.54
Repairs on Bldg. & Electric	114.75
Hardware & Materials	667.96
Lumber	137.74
Heating & Plumbing	213.46
Carried forward	41,954.49

		Expenses	Outlays
Brought forward	41,954.49		
Rent of Water Cooler	63.50		
Maintenance of Equipment	139.97		
Telephone	2,163.36		
Furniture & Furnishings ..	795.55		
Tools & Supplies	380.74		
Auto Maintenance	2,278.71		
Rent of Chairs	132.29		
Insurance	539.96		
	<u>19,764.32</u>		
		48,448.57	
Hurricane Damage Account—"Carol"			
Repairs on Roof — Teele			
Square Fire Station	875.00		
	<u>875.00</u>		
		875.00	

COMPENSATION & PENSIONS

Workmen's Compensation

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Compensation for Injuries	30,252.76		
Medical Attendance	9,771.02		
	<u>40,023.78</u>		
		40,023.78	

Pensions

Ordinary Maintenance:			
Treasury	1,269.84		
Building	37,186.60		
Police	102,731.59		
Fire	119,552.11		
Engineering	3,707.08		
Sanitary	52,745.25		
Highway	52,922.64		
Welfare	2,930.00		
School Teachers	14,928.75		
Water	23,780.44		
Retirement Board	1,172.82		
	<u>412,927.12</u>		
		412,927.12	

Retirement System—Expense Fund

Personal Service	8,033.76		
Ordinary Maintenance	1,070.00		
	<u>9,103.76</u>		
		9,103.76	

Pension Accumulation Fund

Ordinary Maintenance:			
City's Contribution	60,000.00		
	<u>60,000.00</u>		
		60,000.00	

Annuities

		Expenses	Outlays
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Police	21,297.95		
Fire	22,363.49		
Sanitary	1,600.00		
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	45,261.44		
		45,261.44	

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS**Interest**

Ordinary Maintenance:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue .. 14,998.10

General Loans:

P. W. A. Sewer 1,882.50
 Chapter 44—Sewers 420.00
 Chapter 44—Water 37.50
 P. W. A. School 4,250.00
 Municipal Garage 13,880.00
 Public Works 2,150.87
 Municipal Relief 5,570.00
 Chapter 44—School & Mu-
 nicipal Buildings 1,406.25
 Veterans Housing 4,875.00
 Transit Assessment 4,937.50
 Remodeling & Reconstruc-
 tion 937.50
 Elementary Schools 24,024.25
 Stadium 4,185.00
 Real Estate Ref. 650.74

84,205.21

84,205.21

Reduction of Funded Debt

Ordinary Maintenance:

General Loans:

P. W. A. Sewers 11,000.00
 Elementary Schools 60,000.00
 Chapter 44—Sewer 5,000.00
 Stadium Loan 10,000.00
 Municipal Garage Bldg. 52,470.55
 Municipal Relief 165,000.00
 Veterans Housing 45,000.00
 Chapter 44 School & Mu-
 nicipal Building 75,000.00
 Transit Assessment 79,000.00
 Municipal Garage—Equip. 19,599.09

522,069.64

522,069.64

WATER WORKS

		Expenses	Outlays
Public Works Department			
Water Maintenance			
Personal Service:			
Commissioner	5,450.00		
Clerks	18,901.80		
Foreman	5,625.91		
Meter Readers	22,039.13		
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	52,016.84		
Labor	114,826.22		
Ordinary Maintenance:			
Printing, Postage, Supplies	3,706.17		
Maintenance Office Equip.	422.70		
Telephone	587.84		
Recording Liens	113.70		
Auto Allowance, Carfares..	15.60		
Hydrants & Fittings	3,728.92		
Pipe & Fittings	35,328.92		
Meters & Fittings	4,100.09		
Tools & Repairs	4,586.75		
Trucks Maint. & Supplies	3,488.19		
Gasoline & Oil	1,940.37		
Laundry	8.00		
Lumber	166.65		
All other	7.60		
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	58,201.50		
		225,044.56	

OTHER ACCOUNTS

Temporary Loans

Loans in Anticipation of Revenue	3,600,000.00		
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Loan in Anticipation of Elementary School Loan	75,000.00		
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Deposits

City Clerk's Deposits	490.00		
Highway Deposits	6,803.05		
School Deposits — Registration, Tuition	345.00		
School Deposits — Forfeited Fees — Books	510.00		
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	8,148.05		
		8,148.05	

State Taxes and Assessments

		Expenses	Outlays
Auditing Mun. Accounts	9,585.24		
State Ex. of Retirement System	530.45		
Met. Park Loan serial Bonds	34.92		
Interest	15.89		
Maintenance (Including Charles River and Nantasket)	125,743.08		
Met. Park Loan Series 2 Ser. Bonds	122.21		
Interest	9.78		
Met. Sewerage Loan Serial Bonds, North System	35,650.70		
Interest	6,614.84		
Maintenance	148,832.18		
Metropolitan Water Loan	281,311.76		
Boston Metropolitan District, Expenses	184.52		
Met. Transit Authority Deficiency	325,931.77		
Met. Transit Authority Red. of Prin.	40,114.90		
Smoke Inspection	1,588.69		
Boston Arena Authority	2,586.48		
	<u>978,857.41</u>	978,857.41	

County of Middlesex

County Tax 1955	336,640.85		
County of Middlesex Assessment for T. B. Hospital	151,774.36		
	<u>488,415.21</u>	488,415.21	

County of Middlesex—Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses	<u>4,191.20</u>	4,191.20	
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Reimbursement—Old Age

Reimbursement—Old Age ...	<u>2.00</u>	2.00	
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Tax Possessions

Refunds—Tax Possessions ..	<u>5.03</u>	5.03	
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Teachers' Retirement Deductions

Retirement Deductions Paid to State	<u>128,794.03</u>	128,794.03	
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**Pay Roll Deductions for U. S.
Savings Bonds**

		Expenses	Outlays
Bonds to Employees	18,168.75		
Refunds	137.20		
	<hr/> 18,305.95		
		18,305.95	

Retirement Deductions

Retirement Deduction (adj) ..	<hr/> 7.36		
		7.36	

Pay Roll Deductions for Insurance

Payments to Insurance Co. ...	790.42		
Refunds	10.71		
	<hr/> 801.13		
		801.13	

Employees Group Insurance

Payments to Insurance Co. ...	18,036.78		
Refunds	28.80		
	<hr/> 18,065.58		
		18,065.58	

Federal Tax Withholding

Federal Tax Withholding Paid			
U. S. Government	744,942.82		
Refunds	170.00		
	<hr/> 745,112.82		
		745,112.82	

Blue Cross Deductions

Payments to Blue Cross	94,564.95		
Refunds	86.30		
	<hr/> 94,651.25		
		94,651.25	

Municipal Credit Union Deductions

Payments to Credit Union ..	344,720.30		
Refunds	29.00		
	<hr/> 344,749.30		
		344,749.30	

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Health Dept.—Bottling Licenses**

Bottling Licenses Fee to State	<hr/> 50.00		
		50.00	

Cash Refunds

		Expenses	Outlays
Real Estate:			
Taxes 1955	45,975.61		
Taxes 1954	25,393.45		
Taxes 1953	7,178.92		
Taxes 1952	6,631.58		
Taxes Previous Years	2,702.28		
	<u>87,881.84</u>		
Poll:			
Taxes 1955	72.00		
Taxes 1954	26.00		
Taxes 1953	2.00		
	<u>100.00</u>		
Personal:			
Taxes 1955	101.12		
Taxes 1954	588.52		
Taxes 1953	608.30		
Taxes 1952	278.00		
Previous Years	542.50		
	<u>2,118.44</u>		
Motor Vehicles Excise:			
Taxes 1955	15,022.81		
Taxes 1954	9,706.13		
Taxes 1953	275.41		
Taxes 1952	374.56		
	<u>25,378.91</u>		
Estimated Receipts	962.48		
Bills Receivable	129.73		
Water	101.09		
Tax Title	50.04		
	<u>1,243.34</u>		
	116,722.53		
Totals	\$19,061,807.79	\$1,233,337.32	
Refunds	46,272.71	148.15	
	<u>\$19,108,080.50</u>	<u>\$1,233,485.47</u>	
Total Cash Payments		\$20,341,565.97	

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

School Buildings

	Land and Buildings	Personal	Totals
Prescott	\$72,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$75,200.00
Southworth	62,000.00	2,000.00	64,000.00
Hanscom	66,500.00	4,000.00	70,500.00
Clark Bennett	54,500.00	3,500.00	58,000.00
*Knapp (Inc. Dental Clinic) ..	53,000.00	6,900.00	59,900.00
Baxter	39,200.00	2,000.00	41,200.00
Perry	53,600.00	2,500.00	56,100.00
Bell & Southern Jr. High	364,400.00	10,000.00	374,400.00
Pope (Land)	13,600.00	.....	13,600.00
Cummings	87,000.00	2,500.00	89,500.00
Vocational	372,800.00	40,000.00	412,800.00
Northeastern Jr. High	618,000.00	20,000.00	638,000.00
†High & Gymnasium	1,129,500.00	134,000.00	1,263,500.00
Glines	96,400.00	5,000.00	101,400.00
Grimmons	96,800.00	4,000.00	100,800.00
Forster	50,000.00	4,500.00	.....
Forster (Annex)	54,000.00	3,500.00	112,000.00
‡Proctor	42,000.00	5,000.00	47,000.00
Bingham	77,000.00	5,000.00	82,000.00
Morse	59,000.00	5,000.00	64,000.00
Carr	58,600.00	4,500.00	63,100.00
Durell	24,600.00	1,500.00	26,100.00
Burns	46,000.00	3,000.00	49,000.00
Brown	80,700.00	3,000.00	83,700.00
Herbert Cholerton	68,600.00	5,000.00	73,600.00
Lowe	57,000.00	2,000.00	59,000.00
Hodgkins	121,200.00	5,000.00	126,200.00
§Western Jr. High	475,000.00	8,000.00	483,000.00
Cutler	144,000.00	10,000.00	154,000.00
Capen St. (Land)	16,700.00	.....	16,700.00
Total	\$4,553,900.00	\$304,400.00	\$4,858,300.00

Miscellaneous Land

Roberts Street	\$500.00	.....	\$500.00
Putnam Street	400.00	.....	400.00
Spencer Avenue	100.00	.....	100.00
Lowell Street	100.00	.....	100.00
Princeton Street	600.00	.....	600.00
Wilson Avenue	600.00	.....	600.00
Broadway	15,200.00	.....	15,200.00
Broadway	36,700.00	.....	36,700.00
Charles E. Ryan Road	3,900.00	.....	3,900.00
Total	\$58,100.00	.....	\$58,100.00

* Dental Clinic, \$1,400.00

† Land included in Central Hill Park

‡ Building and Fixtures, Land owned by State

§ Land included in Walter Ernest Shaw Playground

Libraries	Land and Buildings	Personal	Totals
†Central	\$137,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$237,000.00
East Somerville Branch	25,500.00	2,500.00	28,000.00
West Somerville Branch	42,600.00	10,000.00	52,600.00
Total	\$205,100.00	\$112,500.00	\$317,600.00

† Land included in Central Hill Park

Miscellaneous Buildings

Public Works Building & Garage	\$581,000.00	\$81,500.00	\$662,500.00
New Police Station	141,500.00	70,000.00	211,500.00
Recreation Center	73,500.00	2,000.00	75,500.00
§City Hall	347,000.00	200,000.00	547,000.00
Power House and Heating Plant	142,500.00	.....	142,500.00
Sewer Department	28,000.00	100.00	28,100.00

§ Land included in Central Hill Park

Parks

Field House, Dilboy Field ...	\$12,000.00	.....	\$12,000.00
Trum (Wall, etc.)	14,000.00	.....	14,000.00
Lincoln	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00
Polling Booths	200.00	.....	200.00
Glen Street Showers	9,000.00	.....	9,000.00
Total	\$1,351,700.00	\$353,600.00	\$1,705,300.00

Fire Buildings

New Fire Alarm Building ...	\$27,500.00	\$72,000.00	\$99,500.00
*Central	48,500.00	39,100.00	87,600.00
Engine Two, Ladder Two ...	44,000.00	41,500.00	85,500.00
Engine Six, Ladder Three ...	43,100.00	18,000.00	61,100.00
Engine Five & Drill Tower ..	30,000.00	10,000.00	40,000.00
Ladder One, Engine Three ..	72,400.00	36,000.00	108,400.00
Ladder Four & Chemical 7	19,500.00	35,900.00	55,400.00
Engine Four	26,300.00	25,000.00	51,300.00
Total	\$311,300.00	\$277,500.00	\$588,800.00

* Included Electrical Department Equipment

FORECLOSED PROPERTY**1955**

	Land and Buildings	Personal	Totals
Flint St. pt. Lot 18	\$300.00	.....	\$300.00
Franklin Avenue	300.00	.....	300.00
Perkins St. Lot 3	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Perkins St. Lot 1	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Perkins St. Lot 2	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Stone Pl. and 8-10 Sanborn Court	2,100.00	.....	2,100.00
(12) Sanborn Court	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
Thurston St. Part Lot 5	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Ten Hills Road Lot 33	100.00	.....	100.00
Flint St. Lot 1	500.00	.....	500.00
Franklin Avenue	300.00	.....	300.00
(96-98r) Gilman St.	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Hadley Ct.	4,800.00	.....	4,800.00
(118) Highland Avenue	7,600.00	.....	7,600.00
Highland Avenue	100.00	.....	100.00
Kingman Road	3,800.00	.....	3,800.00
(62-62r) Linwood St.	1,800.00	.....	1,800.00
(9-7) Mortimer Pl.	700.00	.....	700.00
(13-11) Mortimer Pl.	900.00	.....	900.00
(82) Myrtle St.	2,300.00	.....	2,300.00
Pearl St.	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
(93r) Perkins St.	1,300.00	.....	1,300.00
Flint St. Lot 2	300.00	.....	300.00
Mt. Vernon Ave. Lot 44	300.00	.....	300.00
Mt. Vernon Ave. Lot 43	300.00	.....	300.00
Mt. Vernon Ave. Lot 42	300.00	.....	300.00
Mt. Vernon Ave. Lot 41	400.00	.....	400.00
Oak St. Pt. Lot 7	1,800.00	.....	1,800.00
193 Morrison Ave.	4,500.00	.....	4,500.00
Mt. Pleasant Court (Lot 28)	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Mt. Pleasant Court (Lot 27)	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Mt. Pleasant Court (Lot 26)	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Mt. Pleasant Court (Lot 33)	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Perkins St. Lot 31	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
(3) Perkins Place Lot C	500.00	.....	500.00
Joy St.	1,300.00	.....	1,300.00
Mt. Vernon Ave. (Lot 49) ...	300.00	.....	300.00
Total	\$50,400.00	.....	\$50,400.00

VETERANS SERVICES

Veterans' Cemetery	\$17,200.00	.....	\$17,200.00
Veterans' Housing Projects ..	7,155,900.00	1,500.00	7,157,400.00
Total	\$7,173,100.00	\$1,500.00	\$7,174,600.00

Parks and Playgrounds	Land and Buildings	Personal	Totals
Robert Houley Playground ...	\$11,000.00	.....	\$11,000.00
Sullivan-Hoyt Playground ...	2,800.00	.....	2,800.00
Central Hill	475,000.00	.....	475,000.00
Lincoln	84,500.00	4,000.00	88,500.00
Prospect Hill	69,800.00	.....	69,800.00
Tufts	123,000.00	.....	123,000.00
Paul Revere	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Trum Playground	84,400.00	.....	84,400.00
Glen St.	39,000.00	.....	39,000.00
O'Callahan Playground	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00
Dilboy Field	155,400.00	.....	155,400.00
John M. Woods Playground	36,600.00	.....	36,600.00
Walter E. Shaw Playground	65,000.00	.....	65,000.00
Cesare Marchi Playground ..	7,700.00	.....	7,700.00
E. W. Bailey Playground	5,100.00	.....	5,100.00
Dickerman Playground	4,400.00	.....	4,400.00
George F. Conway Playground	59,000.00	.....	59,000.00
Albion Street Playground	5,700.00	.....	5,700.00
Total	\$1,234,400.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,238,400.00

Summary

School Buildings	\$4,553,900.00	\$304,400.00	\$4,858,300.00
Fire Buildings	311,300.00	277,500.00	588,800.00
Libraries	205,100.00	112,500.00	317,600.00
Miscellaneous Bldgs.	1,351,700.00	353,600.00	1,705,300.00
Foreclosed Property	50,400.00	.....	50,400.00
Veterans	7,173,100.00	1,500.00	7,174,600.00
Parks and Playgrounds ..	1,234,400.00	4,000.00	1,238,400.00
Miscellaneous Land	58,100.00	.....	58,100.00
Total	\$14,938,000.00	\$1,053,500.00	\$15,991,500.00
Sewers (Cost)			2,024,089.31
Water Works (Cost)			1,794,415.08
Total Value of Public Property			\$19,810,004.39

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Somerville, Massachusetts
January 30, 1956

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Board of
Aldermen of the City of Somerville:

Gentlemen:

Presented herewith is the annual report of the City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the year 1955, as appears by the records of this office.

In an attempt to convey some impressions of the volume of detail work performed by the staff of this office it is our intention to present herewith some statistics incidental thereto and some comparisons with prior years. A study of these figures leaves no doubt of the financial growth of our municipal government and of the increased requirements of conscientious ability and responsibility of the employees of this department.

During the past year, receipts in excess of \$19 million were processed through this office in cash, checks or credits. Add to this the payments made by the City Treasurer and the result is a flow of funds exceeding \$38 million.

The 180,938 individual checks prepared and delivered by the Treasury staff, in and of themselves, represent a tremendous operation. In addition thereto, some 174,928 bills of various description (exclusive of demands) were sent out and receipted and recorded upon payment by the staff of the Collector of Taxes.

Another little known function of this department is the bookkeeping performed for individual payroll deductions. A total of \$1,518,311.50 was thus processed as a convenience

for our municipal employees. The total amounts range from \$747,731.20 to the United States Treasury for income taxes withheld to \$953.40 for an employees insurance plan. Credit Union deductions alone were well over \$300,000 representing savings or loan repayments by members of the system.

A five year comparison of the Tax Collector's records also reveals some extremely interesting information. During the period 1951 to 1955 the total personal, poll, excise and real estate taxes presented to this office by the Board of Assessors for collection increased 25% or \$1,793,246.30. During the same period there has been an increase in the total uncollected taxes of only \$12,712.69 or 7/10 of 1% of the increase in the amount given to the Collector for collection. A great deal of credit for this excellent record of tax collections must go to the Deputy Tax Collectors, Mr. Victor A. Campisi and Mr. Delmar T. Bowes who, during the year 1955, collected for the City of Somerville over \$70,000 in old un-paid taxes.

In conclusion may I express the appreciation of this department to all the taxpayers and citizens of Somerville for their patient cooperation with the office of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes whereby the financial year 1955 has been an extremely gratifying one.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS,
City Treasurer - Collector

CASH STATEMENT

RECEIPTS	\$19,267,806.30
Cash Balance January 1, 1955	25,019.04
Adjustments in Cash	574.66
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	\$19,293,400.00
 PAYMENTS	 \$19,180,138.10
Cash on hand December 31, 1955	75,077.51
Transfer to Non-Revenue	37,551.69
Adjustments in Cash	632.70
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	\$19,293,400.00

The Assessors' Warrants for the Tax Levy, assessed upon Polls and property for the year 1955, and the Motor Vehicle Excise amounted to \$9,174,588.43

Plus 1954 Excise committed in 1955 49,574.64

TOTAL \$9,224,163.07

Real Estate Valuation:

Land	\$34,078,100.00
Buildings	90,661,200.00
	<u>\$124,739,300.00</u>

Personal Valuation	8,299,900.00
	<u>\$133,039,200.00</u>

Personal Tax @ \$63.20 per \$1,000	\$524,553.68
Real Estate @ \$63.20 per \$1,000	7,883,523.76
Polls 30,961 @ \$2.00	61,922.00

\$8,469,999.44 \$8,469,999.44

Assessments:

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Commitment No. 1	\$88,079.57
Commitment No. 2	68,437.33
Commitment No. 3	34,993.49
Commitment No. 4	112,793.80
Commitment No. 5	151,341.52
Commitment No. 6	35,779.76
Commitment No. 7	61,484.21
Commitment No. 8	42,586.69
Commitment No. 9	99,374.44
	<u>\$694,870.81</u>

Commercial	2,630.81
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\$697,501.62

Water Liens	\$	7,087.37
		<u>\$8,477,086.81</u>

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Total Commitment by Assessors	\$9,174,588.43
1954 Excise Committed in 1955	

Commitment Nos. 13 through 18 inclusive	49,574.64
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TOTAL	<u>\$9,224,163.07</u>
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INTEREST ON BONDS DUE IN 1956

	January	April	May	June	July	October	November	December	Total
Transit .....	.....	.....	\$1,975.00	.....	.....	.....	\$1,975.00	.....	\$3,950.00
Vets. Housing	481.25	.....	.....	.....	393.75	.....	.....	.....	875.00
Remodeling & Reconstruction .....	.....	937.50	.....	.....	.....	468.75	.....	.....	1,406.25
Vets	1,650.00	.....	.....	.....	1,650.00	.....	.....	.....	3,300.00
Sewer .....	.....	261.25	.....	.....	.....	261.25	.....	.....	522.50
Sewer	168.75	.....	.....	.....	168.75	.....	.....	.....	337.50
Municipal Relief .....	.....	.....	.....	1,531.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,531.25
Municipal Relief .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,531.25	1,531.25
Sewer .....	.....	87.50	.....	.....	.....	87.50	.....	.....	175.00
Sewer	525.00	.....	.....	.....	487.50	.....	.....	.....	1,012.50
Municipal Relief .....	.....	700.00	.....	.....	.....	700.00	.....	.....	1,400.00
Municipal Relief .....	.....	1,080.00	.....	.....	.....	1,080.00	.....	.....	2,160.00
Municipal Garage .....	.....	5,450.00	.....	.....	.....	5,450.00	.....	.....	10,900.00
Municipal Garage .....	.....	1,104.00	.....	.....	.....	1,032.00	.....	.....	2,136.00
Stadium .....	.....	1,957.50	.....	.....	.....	1,957.50	.....	.....	3,915.00
Elementary School .....	.....	.....	.....	11,330.00	.....	.....	.....	11,330.00	22,660.00
Public Works	475.00	.....	.....	.....	475.00	.....	.....	.....	950.00
Public Works	406.25	.....	.....	.....	406.25	.....	.....	.....	812.50
School Loan	4,250.00	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	8,250.00
Total	\$7,956.25	\$11,577.75	\$1,975.00	\$12,861.25	\$7,581.25	\$11,037.00	\$1,975.00	\$12,861.25	\$67,824.75

TEMPORARY LOANS 1955, IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE

Balance 1954				None
Dated	Due	Rate	Amount	
Jan. 21, 1955	Nov. 16, 1955	.59	\$1,000,000.00	
Feb. 28, 1955	Nov. 2, 1955	.69	100,000.00	
Mar. 29, 1955	Oct. 7, 1955	.81	500,000.00	
Mar. 31, 1955	Nov. 22, 1955	.81	300,000.00	
Apr. 25, 1955	Nov. 7, 1955	.94	700,000.00	
May 26, 1955	Nov. 2, 1955	.975	500,000.00	
July 29, 1955	Oct. 3, 1955	1.30	500,000.00	
			<hr/>	\$3,600,000.00
	Notes paid in 1955			\$3,600,000.00
	Balance to 1956			None

LOANS IN 1955, IN ANTICIPATION OF LOANS

Balance from 1954				None
Jan. 25, 1955	Mar. 15, 1955	.59	75,000.00	
			<hr/>	75,000.00
	Loans in Anticipation paid in 1955			75,000.00
	Balance to 1956			<hr/> None

YEARLY BOND MATURITIES WITH INTEREST**Municipal Relief Loans**

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1956	\$182,500.00	\$6,622.50	\$189,122.50
1957	182,500.00	3,851.25	186,351.25
1958	45,000.00	1,080.00	46,080.00
1959	45,000.00	540.00	45,540.00
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	\$455,000.00	\$12,093.75	\$467,093.75

ALL OTHER LOANS

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1956	\$376,000.00	\$61,202.25	\$437,202.25
1957	376,000.00	54,913.25	430,913.25
1958	290,000.00	49,305.00	339,305.00
1959	280,000.00	44,283.75	324,283.75
1960	182,000.00	39,368.75	221,368.75
1961	176,000.00	35,728.75	211,728.75
1962	176,000.00	32,151.25	208,151.25
1963	140,000.00	28,573.75	168,573.75
1964	130,000.00	25,627.50	155,627.50
1965	124,000.00	22,815.00	146,815.00
1966	124,000.00	20,212.50	144,212.50
1967	119,000.00	17,410.00	136,410.00
1968	118,000.00	14,842.50	132,842.50
1969	118,000.00	12,502.50	130,502.50
1970	115,000.00	9,800.00	124,800.00
1971	115,000.00	7,335.00	122,335.00
1972	115,000.00	4,870.00	119,870.00
1973	85,000.00	2,405.00	87,405.00
1974	20,000.00	600.00	20,600.00
1975	20,000.00	200.00	20,200.00
	<u>\$3,199,000.00</u>	<u>\$484,146.75</u>	<u>\$3,683,146.75</u>
TOTAL	\$3,654,000.00	\$496,240.50	\$4,150,240.50

FUNDED DEBT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1955

	Rate	Date of Issue	Due	Amount
Sewer Loan	1¾	Oct. 2, 1939	1957	\$10,000.00
Remodeling & Reconstruction	1¼	Apr. 1, 1947	1957	150,000.00
Transit	1¼	Nov. 15, 1949	1959	316,000.00
Public Works	1.25	July 1, 1947	1959	76,000.00
Vets Loan	1½	July 1, 1947	1962	220,000.00
Vets Loan	1¾	Jan. 1, 1948	1963	55,000.00
Sewer Loan	3¾	Sept. 2, 1934	1964	9,000.00
Public Works	1.25	July 1, 1954	1964	65,000.00
Sewer Loan	2¼	Oct. 1, 1937	1967	19,000.00
Sewer Loan	2½	Nov. 1, 1939	1969	42,000.00
Municipal Garage	2	Oct. 1, 1952	1972	545,000.00
Municipal Garage	2.40	Apr. 1, 1953	1973	92,000.00
Stadium Loan	2.70	Oct. 1, 1953	1973	145,000.00
Elementary	2.20	Dec. 1, 1953	1973	1,030,000.00
School	2	Jan. 1, 1955	1975	425,000.00
				<u>3,199,000.00</u>
Municipal Relief	1¾	Dec. 1, 1955	1957	175,000.00
Municipal Relief	1.20	Oct. 1, 1954	1958	180,000.00
Municipal Relief	1.40	Oct. 1, 1952	1959	100,000.00
				<u>\$3,654,000.00</u>

BONDS DUE 1956

	January	April	July	October	November	December	Total
Transit Assessment ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$79,000.00	.....	\$79,000.00
Vets. Housing	10,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00
Remodeling .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Construction .....	.....	75,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75,000.00
Veterans .....	.....	.....	35,000.00	.....	.....	.....	35,000.00
Sewer .....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	2,000.00
Sewer .....	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00
Municipal Relief .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87,500.00	87,500.00
Sewer .....	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	.....	.....	5,000.00
Sewer	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000.00
Municipal Relief .....	.....	.....	.....	95,000.00	.....	.....	95,000.00
Municipal Garage .....	.....	.....	.....	35,000.00	.....	.....	35,000.00
Municipal Garage .....	.....	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00
Stadium .....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00	.....	.....	10,000.00
Elementary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60,000.00	60,000.00
Public Works .....	.....	.....	19,000.00	.....	.....	.....	19,000.00
School Loan	25,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,000.00
Public Works .....	.....	.....	11,000.00	.....	.....	.....	11,000.00
Total	\$38,000.00	\$81,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$147,000.00	\$79,000.00	\$147,500.00	\$558,500.00

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES

February 7, 1956.

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the Annual Report for 1955 of the Veterans' Services Department.

In view of the increase in the number of cases, our expenditures were correspondingly greater than the previous year. The higher budget allowance is another factor reflected in the year's expenditures.

The department cooperated with the Veterans' Administration and other Agencies to provide maximum benefits and services to the veterans and their dependents in accordance with the expanding program.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. McGRATH,

Commissioner

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE BY THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT — 1955

	Somerville Veterans' Benefits	State Veterans' Benefits	Soldiers' Burials	Total Relief	RECAPITULATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS — SOMERVILLE					
					Cash	Medical	Fuel	Groceries	Cases	Persons
January	\$2,806.61	\$2,891.62	\$150.00	\$5,848.23	\$1,930.00	\$584.11	\$252.50	\$40.00	105	201
February	2,967.28	3,052.30	.....	6,019.58	2,231.50	375.70	277.50	82.58	115	246
March	3,013.07	3,158.06	300.00	6,471.13	1,951.00	611.57	290.00	160.50	118	249
April	3,022.90	3,132.90	.....	6,155.80	2,118.00	564.90	255.00	85.00	119	229
May	2,504.08	2,624.08	150.00	5,278.16	1,948.00	443.58	.....	112.50	101	187
June	2,968.65	3,088.65	150.00	6,207.30	2,101.00	767.65	.....	100.00	111	216
July	2,864.83	2,934.83	.....	5,799.66	2,142.50	637.33	.....	85.00	115	238
August	2,582.39	2,652.39	.....	5,234.78	2,032.00	455.39	.....	95.00	108	209
September	2,718.76	2,788.76	.....	5,507.52	1,997.50	683.76	.....	37.50	99	177
October	3,119.80	3,234.80	.....	6,354.80	2,046.50	793.30	197.50	82.50	104	206
November	3,479.87	3,566.98	149.00	7,195.85	2,091.00	1,053.87	250.00	85.00	104	202
December	3,303.03	3,403.06	6,706.09	2,105.50	792.53	270.00	135.00	114	232
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	\$35,351.27	\$36,528.43	\$899.00	\$72,778.70	\$24,694.50	\$7,763.39	\$1,792.50	\$1,100.58	1313	2592

Year	Age	Sex	Occupation	Marital Status
1900	20	M	Student	Single
1901	21	M	Student	Single
1902	22	M	Student	Single
1903	23	M	Student	Single
1904	24	M	Student	Single
1905	25	M	Student	Single
1906	26	M	Student	Single
1907	27	M	Student	Single
1908	28	M	Student	Single
1909	29	M	Student	Single
1910	30	M	Student	Single
1911	31	M	Student	Single
1912	32	M	Student	Single
1913	33	M	Student	Single
1914	34	M	Student	Single
1915	35	M	Student	Single
1916	36	M	Student	Single
1917	37	M	Student	Single
1918	38	M	Student	Single
1919	39	M	Student	Single
1920	40	M	Student	Single
1921	41	M	Student	Single
1922	42	M	Student	Single
1923	43	M	Student	Single
1924	44	M	Student	Single
1925	45	M	Student	Single
1926	46	M	Student	Single
1927	47	M	Student	Single
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1942	62	M	Student	Single
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1946	66	M	Student	Single
1947	67	M	Student	Single
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1965	85	M	Student	Single
1966	86	M	Student	Single
1967	87	M	Student	Single
1968	88	M	Student	Single
1969	89	M	Student	Single
1970	90	M	Student	Single
1971	91	M	Student	Single
1972	92	M	Student	Single
1973	93	M	Student	Single
1974	94	M	Student	Single
1975	95	M	Student	Single
1976	96	M	Student	Single
1977	97	M	Student	Single
1978	98	M	Student	Single
1979	99	M	Student	Single
1980	100	M	Student	Single

REPORT OF THE SOMERVILLE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Somerville Contributory Retirement System under the provisions of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, Sections 1 to 28 inclusive, became operative in the City of Somerville on July 1, 1946. Employees entering or re-entering the service of the city after that date are subject to the provisions of said Chapter 32. Employees contributions under this law are at the rate of 5 per cent.

The Somerville Contributory Retirement System was previously governed by Chapter 184 of the Acts of 1930, as amended by Chapter 222 of the Acts of 1933. Members of this system contribute 4 per cent of their salaries.

MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1955

General Employees:	System 5%	System 4%	Systems Total Both
Men	497	8	505
Women	257	....	257
Firemen and Policemen	348	....	348
	<hr/> 1,102	<hr/> 8	<hr/> 1,110

The following table shows the number of beneficiaries on the roll of the 4 per cent system as of December 31, 1955, together with the amount of their annual retirement allowances:

Service Retirements:	No.	Annuities	Pension Accumulation Fund	Pension Reserve Fund	Total Retirement Allowance
Men	5	\$469.80	\$4,725.81	\$19.56	\$5,215.17
Women	7	693.26	7,882.52	859.16	9,435.04
	<hr/> 12	<hr/> \$1,163.16	<hr/> \$12,608.33	<hr/> \$878.72	<hr/> \$14,650.21

Disability Retirements:

Men	1	84.76	160.11	244.87
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Beneficiaries of Deceased:

Women	4	42.84	1,648.25	2,673.13	4,364.22
Total	17	\$1,290.76	\$14,256.58	\$3,711.96	\$19,259.30

The following table shows the number of beneficiaries on the roll of the 5 per cent system as of December 31, 1955, together with the amount of their annual retirement allowances:

Service Retirements:

General Employees	No.	Annuities	Pension	Total Retirement Allowances
Men	17	\$2,675.96	\$14,493.56	\$17,169.52
Women	22	2,838.13	22,166.59	25,004.72
Firemen - Policemen	2	323.52	3,420.84	3,744.36
	41	5,837.61	40,080.99	45,918.60

Disability Retirements:

General Employees				
Men	10	1,173.51	12,307.32	13,480.83
Women	3	244.56	2,215.32	2,459.88
Firemen-Policemen	8	1,352.43	21,011.06	22,363.49
	21	2,770.50	35,533.70	38,304.20

Beneficiaries of Deceased Employees:

Men	2	\$173.05	\$596.35	\$769.40
Women	19	1,750.27	11,264.94	13,015.21
	21	\$1,923.32	\$11,861.29	\$13,784.61
TOTALS	83	\$10,531.43	\$87,475.98	\$98,007.41

SOMERVILLE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 1955

Assets

Investments	\$1,991,182.41
Deposits in Banks	33,000.00
Cash	31,585.69
Accrued Interest	12,768.68
Due for Military Service Credit	707.49
	<u>\$2,069,244.27</u>

Liabilities

Annuity Savings Fund, 5%	\$1,449,665.53
Annuity Reserve Fund, 5%	131,733.51
Pension Fund, 5%	270,164.49
Special Fund for Military Service, 5%	27,442.12
Expense Fund	685.10

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Annuity Savings Fund, 4 %	20,621.92	
Annuity Reserve Fund, 4 %	9,779.36	
Pension Accumulation Fund, 4 %	106,441.71	
Pension Reserve Fund, 4 %	51,873.00	
Special Fund for Military Service, 4 %	206.80	
Suspense Fund	630.73	
	<hr/>	\$2,069,244.27

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1955

Receipts

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1955		\$27,767.77
Contributions by Members:		
4 %	\$1,166.72	
5 %	177,452.34	
Redeposits	1,101.95	
Transfers From Other Systems	1,736.21	
	<hr/>	181,457.22
Contributions by City:		
4 %	18,607.04	
5 %	50,496.72	
	<hr/>	69,103.76
Contribution by Housing Authority		3,981.00
Reimbursement From Other Systems		36.80
Income From Investments		57,486.93
Redemption of Securities		31,500.00
Profit From Redemption of Securities		850.00
Withholding Tax		827.70
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		\$373,011.18

Expenditures

Purchase of Securities		\$182,859.78
Accrued Interest on Securities Purchased		997.01
Pension Payments:		
4 %	\$18,243.05	
5 %	87,939.69	
	<hr/>	106,182.74
Annuity Payments.		
4 %	\$1,290.97	
5 %	12,106.25	
	<hr/>	13,397.22
Refund to City		2,530.00
Refunds 5 %		19,785.64
Transfers to Other System		4,814.37
Pension Reimbursement Paid to Other Systems		4.23
Administration Expenses		9,699.20
Withholding Tax		1,155.30
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1955		31,585.69
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		\$373,011.18

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E. WALSH, Chairman
 GEORGE L. DOHERTY, JR., Vice Chairman
 JOHN J. MURPHY, 3rd

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

February 21, 1956.

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the Revised Ordinances of the City of Somerville, I have the honor of submitting for your information, The Annual Report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

ALARMS AND LOSSES

Number of First Alarms	729
Number of Second Alarms	10
Number of Third Alarms	1
Number of A.D.T. Alarms	16
Number of Still Alarms	1049
First Aid, Accidents, Emergency Calls	2219

Number of Alarms for the year 1955	4024
Number of Alarms for the year 1954	3602

Increase in the number of Alarms during the year 1955.....	422
Value of Buildings at Risk	\$2,542,778.00
Insurance on Buildings at Risk	2,685,700.00
Insurance Damage on Buildings	167,309.85
Value of Contents at Risk	962,083.00
Insurance of Contents at Risk	908,400.00
Insurance Damage on Contents	138,184.84
Total Value at Risk	3,647,783.00
Total Insurance Damage	305,494.69
Approximate Per Capita Loss	3.17

CLASSIFICATION OF ALARMS

Fires in Residence Buildings	251
Fires in Other Buildings	99
Chimney Fires	22
Fires in Rubbish, Near Buildings	94
Fires in Dumps, Vacant Lots	93

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Grass Fires	93
Miscellaneous Fires—Out of Doors	109
Automobile Fires	97
False Alarms	202
Smoke Scares—Needless Alarms	108
Accidents, Inhalator Calls	190
Miscellaneous Emergency Calls	379
False Telephone Calls	11
Out of City Calls	247
Ambulance Calls	2029
TOTAL	4024

TIME PERIOD OF ALARMS

8:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.	787
4:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.	343
6:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.	387
9:00 P. M. to Midnight	221
Midnight to 8:00 A. M.	257

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MANUAL FORCE

The Manual Force consists of Two Hundred and forty-two (242) permanent men and one Senior Account Clerk and Stenographer. During the year 1 Fire Fighter was pensioned and 1 Fire Fighter resigned. Reverend Stephen C. Lang, the Chaplain, also resigned.

The Roster of the Department is as follows:

1	Chief Engineer
3	Deputy Chiefs
4	District Chiefs
1	Master Mechanic
4	Assistant Mechanics
7	Captains
24	Lieutenants
7	Ambulance
184	Fire Fighters—3rd Grade
7	Fire Fighters—2nd Grade
1	Senior Account Clerk and Stenographer
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243	Total

I respectfully recommend the purchase of the following equipment:

An Aerial Ladder Truck for Ladder 1—Union Square. The present truck was placed in service June 15, 1932.

A Hose Wagon to replace Engine 1's Hose Wagon. Present wagon was placed in service July 31, 1928.

A Hose Wagon to replace Engine 2's Hose Wagon. Present wagon was placed in service May 31, 1932.

A hose Wagon to replace Engine 3's Hose Wagon. Present wagon was placed in service September 12, 1929.

A Combination Light and Rescue Wagon for Central Station. Present wagon was placed in service June 15, 1932.

A 1000-Gallon Pump for Engine Co. 6. Present Pump was placed in service May 31, 1932.

The problem of inspecting premises for Fire Prevention, the checking on complaints relative to fire hazards, the inspection for the storage of inflammable fluids in dwellings and business establishments, and the issuing of approximately 16,000 renewal permits annually for the storage of fuel oil, is one requiring detailed supervision and direction by an officer.

The placing in service and operation of modern fire equipment requires that the members of the department be thoroughly trained in the use of this apparatus and equipment. At the present time, this work is performed by the various commanding officers—thereby leading to different methods of operating and handling the new equipment and a lack of continuity of the training program.

I therefore recommend that two Captains be appointed: one to supervise the Fire Prevention Bureau and one to be Drill Master.

I am recommending the purchase of a recorder to record incoming telephone calls and also radio conversations.

I also recommend that the Fire Department transmitter be located on another frequency. At present, the Fire and Police Departments use the same frequency and this has resulted in the delay in receiving and transmitting important messages. The sets now in use by the Fire Department can be used with minor adjustments

To His Honor the Mayor, the members of the Honorable Board of Aldermen, the Officers and Members of the Fire Department, all municipal departments who so ably assisted this department, and to the citizens of the City, I extend the thanks of the department for their support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. O'HARA,
Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ASSESSORS

January 1, 1956.

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The following report is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Board of Assessors for the year ending December 31, 1955:

CITY OF SOMERVILLE — 1955 CAPITULATION

A—City or Town, All appropriations since 1954 Tax Rate was fixed

1. Total to be raised by taxation	\$10,912,902.51	
2. Total from Available Funds		
1955	\$56,169.42	
1954	434,989.43	
	<u> </u>	491,158.85
3. Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay prior years:		
1954	30,263.59	
1953	22,409.31	
1952	39,633.68	
	<u> </u>	92,306.58
4. Any other amount to be raised		
Revenue Deficit 1954 ...	14,111.19	
Hurricane Expenditures	130,086.41	
	<u> </u>	\$11,640,565.54
	1955	1954
	Estimates	Underestimates

B—State — Tax and Assessments:

1. State Audit of Municipal Accounts	9,585.24
2. State Examination Retirement System	530.45
3. Smoke Inspection Service	1,622.91
4. Add'l State Ass'ts.	961,740.03
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973,478.63

C—County: Tax & Assessments:

1. County Tax	\$303,981.00
2. Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	152,626.29

456,607.29

D—Overlay of current year:

225,000.00

E—Gross Amount to be raised

\$13,295,651.46

F—Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

1. Income Tax	\$721,762.62
2. Corporation Taxes	482,168.95
3. Old Age Tax (Meals) ...	39,009.31
4. Motor Vehicle Excise ...	734,751.54
5. Licenses	136,243.53
6. Fines	6,004.91
7. Grants and Gifts	32,275.88
8. General Government ...	14,948.22
9. Protection of Persons & Property	6,690.93
10. Health and Sanitation ..	19,949.40
11. Highways	11,876.35
12. Charities	175,873.15
13. Old Age Assistance	828,462.00
State Assistance for	
14. School Construction	16,670.87
15. Veterans' Benefits	36,018.27
16. Schools	159,423.09
17. Libraries	4,245.65
18. Recreation	360.20
19. Public Service Enterprises	650,002.41
20. Interest	12,326.07
21. Electrolysis	1,000.00
22. City Property Rentals ...	391.50
23. Disability Assistance	104,728.48
24. Hurricane Relief	117,077.77

\$4,312,261.10 \$4,312,261.10

25. Total Estimated Receipts Overestimates of previous year (to be used as Available Funds):

(a) County Tax	11,156.86
(b) County Tuberculosis Hospital	4,723.12
(c) Metropolitan Parks..	1,826.64
(d) Metropolitan Sewerage (north system)..	4,232.69
(e) Metropolitan Transit Authority	53.83
(f) Smoke Inspection Service	238.93

22,232.07

26. Amounts to be taken from Available Funds

491,158.85 491,158.85

Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds

\$4,825,652.02

G—Net amount to be raised
by taxation on polls and
property \$8,469,999.44

H—Number of Polls: Tax:
30,961 @ \$2.00 each.. \$61,922.20

J—Total Valuation:
Personal Property \$8,299,900.00 524,553.68
Real Estate 124,739,300.00 7,883,523.76

\$133,039,200.00 \$8,469,999.44 \$8,469,999.44

Tax Rate \$63.20

Total Taxes levied on polls and property: \$8,469,999.44

The Board of Assessors wishes to thank the other departments for the cooperation extended during the year, particularly the Legal Department.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON FAUKNER, Chairman
WILLIAM J. MORAN
EDWARD T. BRADY
TIMOTHY J. CRONIN
HAROLD W. WELLS

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

February 20, 1956.

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Planning Board of the City of Somerville, in accordance with Section 81C, of Chapter 41, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, herewith respectfully submits the annual report for the year 1955.

On February 3, 1955, at its annual organizational meeting, Mr. Harry P. Burden was unanimously elected Chairman of the Planning Board for the ensuing year, and Mr. John J. Molloy was elected clerk of the Board. On June 15, 1955, Mr. Anthony Bellamy was appointed to succeed John J. Molloy whose term had expired, and Robert D. Donahue was elected Clerk, pro tem.

On August 3, 1955, Mr. Alan McClennen, Planning Director, resigned to become Director of Planning, Massachusetts Department of Commerce. No replacement for Mr. McClennen's position was made. On November 26, Mr. Robert W. Mayerson, junior planner requested and was granted a leave of absence, without compensation, until January 1, 1956, (when Mr. Mayerson tendered his resignation which was accepted by the Board.)

In March, 1955, the Planning Board and staff, following two and a half years of intensive study, completed the final draft of a proposed general amendment of Somerville's thirty-year old zoning ordinance. Copies of the amendment proposals were distributed throughout the city for public discussion and for publication in consecutive issues of the Journal-Press. In May and June, 1955, three informal public meetings were held in the junior high school and high school auditoriums, and subsequently, on June 23, a legal public hearing was held in the

high school auditorium. On December 8, 1955, the zoning text and map were finally accepted by the Somerville Planning Board and forwarded to the Board of Aldermen for adoption.

Paralleling its continuing studies aimed at completing the general amendment of the thirty-year old zoning ordinance, the Planning Board and staff continued land use analysis under the basic policies established in 1952 by its publication "Planning Progress." Neighborhood study continued on a cursory windshield basis in various parts of the city, with more detailed concentration on those obvious areas of neglect and decay. Ward 1 studies, made in 1954, were re-examined in the light of new MDC and State highway proposals. The staff maintained its liaison with the State departments to insure that plans for public improvements by the City and the State do not overlap or conflict.

With the Planning Director a member of the Traffic Commission the staff remained in close touch with traffic and circulation developments in the city, in an attempt to solve Somerville's multiplex traffic problems. A major Public Works accomplishment in 1955 was the construction of a parking area at Davis Square along the northeast side of the railroad tracks. This was one of the six parking locations included in the Planning Board's 1953 study of "Davis Square Off-Street Parking Sites."

During 1955, the Planning Board heard two zone change petitions, both affecting the same location. The unique zoning distinctions and the proposed land use resulted in the denial of both petitions by the Planning Board. Both are currently pending before the Board of Aldermen. A third petition, reflecting a gross incident of spot zoning, was withdrawn by the petitioner before hearing.

In July, 1955, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the modifications to the Redevelopment Plan (Linwood-Joy area) made necessary by changes in M. D. C. Highway construction plans. As a result, the Land Use and Redevelopment Project Area, and the plans for the highway construction, based on local survey, were declared to conform to the comprehensive plan for the locality as a whole. Also considered and approved, subject to certain restrictions, were proposals to preserve and relocate, within the redevelopment area, the historic Tufts House.

During the year, the Planning Board and staff continued its cooperation with the Board of Appeal, to insure that the de-

cisions of the latter Board did not conflict in principle with the long term suggestions of the Planning Board. Of the appeals cases granted, the majority concerned conversions of large two-family houses to three-family. It is believed that the provisions in the zoning amendment permitting such conversion under certain restrictions will solve a long standing problem.

With the Planning Director serving as clerk of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Improved Housing Conditions, the planning office continued to serve as clearing house for complaints. Forms for enforcement of minimum standards were drafted for use of the collaborating agencies acting under the basic powers available to the city. The Somerville Housing Authority cooperated in the relocation of families displaced as a result of this program.

The Planning Board and staff continued to cooperate with the Housing Authority in the study and selection of sites for state and federal housing projects with the Board emphasizing its conviction that small projects integrated into neighborhoods are more desirable than large segregated units.

During 1955, members of the staff continued its liaison with community groups, sitting in at meetings of overall and subcommittees of the Community Council and, with the approval of the Board, continued to extend the resources of the planning office for educational purposes, welcoming discussions and interchange of ideas from professional and other civic groups

The Planning Board wishes to commend the cooperative effort and loyalty of the planning staff, and to extend its sincere appreciation to Mayor Donovan, the Honorable Board of Aldermen and many others for their continued interest in and support of planning progress in Somerville.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. DONAHUE,

Chairman

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1956.

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit herewith the Annual Report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

ARRESTS

Whole Number of Arrests		2888
On Summons	724	
On Warrants	316	
Without Warrants	1848	2888
Held for Trial	2703	
Delivered to Other Departments	152	
Released on Waiver	3	2888
Males	2668	
Females	220	2888
Americans	2674	
Foreigners	214	2888
Residents	1849	
Non-residents	1039	2888
Minors	242	

POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

The personnel of the Police Department consists of one hundred and sixty-six (166) permanent men and two matrons. During the year one Captain and four Patrolmen were pensioned—two patrolmen died and one patrolman resigned.

The Roster of the Department is as follows:

1	Chief
1	Deputy Chief
4	Captains
10	Lieutenants
12	Sergeants
138	Patrolmen
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166	Total

"IN MEMORIAM"

Patrolman
ALLAN S. BURNS
Appointed May 27, 1915
Died March 10, 1955

Patrolman
JOHN J. CRONIN
Appointed June 23, 1927
Died June 24, 1955

IN CONCLUSION

I wish to thank his Honor the Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen, heads of the various departments, and all members of the police department for their loyal support, co-operation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTINE F. SHARRY,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL

January 15, 1956.

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Board of Appeal of the City of Somerville respectfully submits the following report of its activities during the years ending December 31, 1955.

APPEALS WERE ACTED UPON, AS FOLLOWS:

1128	John G. Mills, 1 Thurston St.	Granted Jan. 3/55
1129	Marion C. Ford, 41 Walnut St.	Refused Feb. 21/55
1130	Angelo Antonucci, 423 Mystic Ave.	Granted Mar. 28/55
1131	Somerville Housing Authority, 118-122 Highland Ave.	Granted Mar. 21/55
1132	Delia A. McGlinchey, by Edward McGlinchey, Jr., 22-24 Minnesota Ave.	Granted Mar. 28/55
1133	Lena and Michele DeLellis, 60 Powder House Blvd.	Granted Apr. 11/55
1134	Kazar P. Kachadoorian, 104 Cross St.	Granted June 20/55
1135	Alphonso Liberace, 389 Highland Ave.	Granted May 23/55
1136	Mary Campo, 24 Pembroke St.	Refused June 27/55
1137	Somerville Housing Authority, 118-122 Highland Ave.	Granted June 27/55
1138	Central Hospital, Inc., 28 Central St.	L. to W. Aug. 8/55
1139	W. F. Valliere, 465 Medford St.	L. to W. Aug. 1/55
1140	Miss Ruth M. Kelley, 250 Willow Ave.	Granted Aug. 8/55
1141	Kosta George, 20 Jaques St.	Granted Aug. 1/55
1142	Prospect Hill Manor, Inc., 37 Munroe St.	Granted Aug. 29/55
1136X	Mary Campo, 24 Pembroke St. (re-hearing) ...	Refused Aug. 22/55
1143	Theodore and Ursula DeLuca, 98 Electric Ave.,	Refused Oct. 24/55
1144	Gregory Leritges, 36 and 38 Liberty Ave.	Granted Oct. 24/55
1145	Charles E. Rosenthal, M.D., 179 Elm St.	Granted Oct. 31/55
1146	Joseph M. Mack, 1044 Broadway	Granted No. 21/55
1147	Hinckley Rendering Co., rear 581 Mystic Ave.,	L. to W. Nov. 28/55
1148	Mildred E. Tottle, 31 Walnut St.	Granted Dec. 19/55
1149	Ronald M. Thomas, 53 Paulina St.	Granted Dec. 12/55
1150	Central Hospital, Inc., 28 Central St.	Refused Dec. 28/55
	16 Granted	
	4 Refused	
	3 Leave to withdraw at own request	

Under a new law, Chapter 349 of the Acts of 1955, which became effective August 4, 1955, in the case of a Board of Appeal with five or more members, the concurring vote of all except one member is now required to reverse any order or decision of an administrative official or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which it is required to pass under any zoning ordinance or by-law, or to effect any variance in the application of any such ordinance or by-law. Previous to August 4, 1955 it required the concurring vote of all members of the Board of Appeal.

Our Board has endeavored to render favorable decisions only when in its judgment there is practical difficulty and unnecessary hardship on the appellant.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation for reports and advice received from the Planning Board and to thank his Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen and the other city officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) GEORGE FULGINITI, Chairman
ANTHONY P. PICCOSI, Secretary
THOMAS C. WALSH
JOSEPH E. ROGERS
MICHAEL A. MANNING

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' GRAVES REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

February 13, 1956.

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Veterans Graves Registration Department for the year 1955 is as follows:

There were no repatriated servicemen's remains returned to their native city of Somerville in 1955.

There is a total of fifty-six repatriated bodies of veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict interred at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in this city. Both the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and the Cemetery on Somerville Avenue, as well as the individual veteran's graves were decorated with wreaths and flags on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Very truly yours,

FRED F. RUSSO,

Graves Registration Officer

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1955

Personal Services	\$750.00
Ordinary Maintenance	96.40

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

Office of the City Clerk
January 1, 1956

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The following is respectfully submitted as the eighty-fourth Annual Report of the City Clerk of Somerville, and is for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The receipts and payments were as follows:

For dog licenses issued in 1955:

1287 males at \$2.00	\$2,574.00	
133 females at \$5.00	665.00	
656 spayed at \$2.00	1,312.00	
4 kennel at \$10.00	40.00	
4 transfers at \$.25	1.00	
		\$4,592.00

For hunting and fishing licenses issued in 1955:

1127 fishing at \$3.25	3,662.75	
444 hunting at \$3.25	1,443.00	
206 sporting at \$5.25	1,081.50	
125 minor fishing at \$1.25	156.25	
108 female fishing at \$2.25	243.00	
1 resident alien and 3 non-resident citizens fishing at \$7.75	31.00	
18 duplicate licenses at \$.50	9.00	
		6,626.50

Recording mortgages, assignments, etc.	8,538.48
Certificates of marriage intentions, includ- ing postage	2,527.73
Furnishing copies of records	1,206.00

Licenses:

Auctioneers, 10 at \$2.00	20.00
Billiard, pool tables and bowling alleys, 84 licenses for 5 billiard tables, 35 pool tables and 44 bowling alleys at \$3.00 and for 38 licenses for Sunday bowling alleys at \$2.00	328.00

Cut meat and sausage, 4 at \$50.00	200.00
Drainlayers, 5 at \$1.00	5.00
Drivers, 226 at \$1.00	226.00
Boilers, 1 at \$1.00	1.00
Electric motors, 3 at \$1.00	3.00
Garages:	
7 at \$5.00	
1 at \$10.00	45.00
Garage Renewals	737.50
Hackney carriages, 112 at \$1.00	112.00
Intelligence offices, 4 at \$2.00	8.00
Junk and second-hand licenses:	
Collect junk, 16 at \$10.00	160.00
Junk shops, 15 at \$25.00	375.00
Outdoor parking, 8 at \$10.00	80.00
Sale of firearms, 2 at \$10.00	20.00
Barrel dealer, 1 at \$10.00	10.00
Second-hand auto dealers:	
44 at \$25.00	
3 at \$50.00	1,250.00
Slaughtering, 3 at \$1.00	3.00
Street musicians, 13 at \$.50	6.50
Merry-go-rounds on premises and street, 3 at \$2.00	6.00
Storage of explosives:	
2 at \$10.00	
8 at \$20.00	
8 at \$50.00	
2 at \$100.00	780.00
Storage of explosives renewals	4,766.50
Storage of waste paper, 2 at \$25.00	50.00
Wagon licenses, 5 at \$1.00	5.00
Wagon stand licenses, 75 at \$1.00	75.00
Permits for projections over the sidewalks, 3 awnings at \$1.00	
10 electric signs	
19 neon signs	
38 illuminated signs	
5 metal signs	
2 wooden signs	
8 plastic signs	
1 porcelain enamel sign	
1 plexi-glass sign	
3 signs	
1 marquee	
88 at \$5.00	443.00
Badges	1.00
Registration of physician, chiroprapist	2.00
Copies of ordinances	5.50
Fees for registered mail notices	8.50
Advertising fees	104.25
Duplicate of dog license tags	4.60
Pole locations	153.00
Gas main	3.60
Reporting congenital births	5.50

Blank forms	4.20	
Books for sale of firearms	1.20	
		<u>\$22,281.06</u>

PAYMENTS

To the City Treasurer for dog licenses in 1955:		
1287 males at \$2.00	\$2,574.00	
133 females at \$5.00	665.00	
656 spayed at \$2.00	1,312.00	
4 kennel at \$10.00	40.00	
4 transfers at \$.25	1.00	
	<u>4,592.00</u>	
Less City Clerks' fees,		
2080 at \$.20 and	416.00	
4 transfers at \$.25	1.00	
		<u>\$4,175.00</u>
To the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game for hunting licenses, etc. in 1955:		
1127 fishing at \$3.25	3,662.75	
444 hunting at \$3.25	1,443.00	
206 sporting at \$5.25	1,081.50	
125 minor fishing at \$1.25	156.25	
108 female fishing at \$2.25	243.00	
1 resident alien fishing and		
3 non-resident citizens fishing		
at \$7.75	31.00	
18 duplicates at \$.50	9.00	
	<u>6,626.50</u>	
Less City Clerks' fees		
2014 at \$.25	503.50	
		<u>6,123.00</u>
To City Treasurer monthly:		
All the receipts above specified except for hunting licenses and dog licenses		<u>22,281.06</u>
		<u>\$32,579.06</u>

Besides the licenses mentioned in the foregoing list of receipts, licenses and permits have been granted by the Board of Aldermen, without charge, as follows:

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Parade with music in streets	4
Newspaper licenses	2

MARRIAGES**1955**

Number of intentions issued in 1955	1243
More than previous year	38
Number of marriages registered in 1955	1294
More than previous year	49

Both parties American	1140	
Both parties Foreign	47	
American groom and Foreign bride	61	
Foreign groom and American bride	46	
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Total	1294	
First marriage	2261	
Second marriage	301	
Third marriage	24	
Fourth marriage	2	
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	2588	
Total marriages for the year 1955	1294	

DEATHS**1955**

Number of deaths in Somerville in 1955		1235
Died in City	774	
Died out of City	461	
	<hr/>	1235
Stillbirths		45
Males	639	
Females	596	
	<hr/>	1235
Under 10 years	62	
10 and under 20 years of age	7	
20 and under 30 years of age	11	
30 and under 40 years of age	23	
40 and under 50 years of age	69	
50 and under 60 years of age	158	
60 and under 70 years of age	254	
70 and under 80 years of age	372	
80 and under 90 years of age	234	
Over 90 years of age	45	
	<hr/>	1235
Born in Somerville	140	
Born elsewhere in U. S.	525	
Foreign born	567	
Unknown birthplace	3	
	<hr/>	1235
Age of oldest person who died in Somerville	104 years	

BIRTHS**1955**

Number of births reported by physicians and midwives for 1955.

Males	697
Females	619
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	1316

1954

The following is a statement in full of the births for 1954. Number of births (exclusive of stillbirths) in Somerville in 1954.

REGISTERED — 1299	
Males	663
Females	636
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	1299
Born of American parents	1122
Born of Foreign parents	33
Born of Foreign father and Foreign mother	62
Born of Foreign father and American mother	60
Born of American mother and father unknown	21
Born of Foreign mother and father unknown	1
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	1299
Number of Stillbirths in Somerville in 1954 registered	35
Number of births in other places in 1954 registered	1447
Number of cases twins	15

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ORGANIZATION OF LIBRARY AND STAFF PERSONNEL

December 31, 1955

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Arthur G. Helmund, President	January 1, 1958
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Mr. George K. Coyne	January 1, 1956
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Mr. William H. McKenna	January 1, 1958
Mr. William P. McLaughlin, Jr.	January 1, 1957
Dr. Guy H. Wayne	January 1, 1957
Mrs. George J. Wyse	January 1, 1956
Dr. Charles E. Rosenthal	January 1, 1958

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The President and the Vice-President

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Mr. John D. Kelley, Librarian

ORGANIZATION OF LIBRARY STAFF PERSONNEL

December 31, 1955
John D. Kelley, Librarian

PROFESSIONAL GRADED SERVICE

John T. Mackey	Assistant Librarian
Gloria F. Graham	Executive Secretary
Ruth Holmes	Reference Librarian
Anna E. Cullen	Chief Cataloger
Rita D. Adams	Supervisor of Schools
Barbara C. Niles	Supervisor of Periodicals and Binding
Emma Merlini	Hospital Librarian
Marilyn F. Legere	Music Librarian
Kathryn Kenny	East Branch Librarian
Mary M. Noonan	Teele Square Branch Librarian
Ruth D. Warner	West Branch Librarian
Myrtle Nicholson	Desk Chief
Barbara T. O'Neill	Station Executive
Lillian G. Casey	Station Executive
Barbara A. Sullivan	Children's Librarian
.....	" "
.....	" "
Elizabeth W. Hennigan	First Assistant
Rita F. O'Rourke	" "
Joan E. Brunet	" "
Catherine M. O'Malley	" "
Katharine V. Nolan	" "
Lois E. MacDonald	Senior Assistant
I. Marguerite Sawin	" "
Alice P. Burkhart	" "
A. Marion Johnian	" "
M. Louise McGrath	" "
Marion M. Torino	" "
Eleanor A. Long	Junior Assistant
Margaret E. Ronayne	" "
Virginia A. O'Hare	" "
John A. McNerny	" "
Thelma G. Donovan	" "
Diane B. Wilder	" "
Saralee Preziosi	" "
Anne M. Russell	" "
Lillian F. Hixenbaugh	" "
Margaret E. Durkin	" "

UNGRADED SERVICE — Non-Professional

Mary F. Baker
 Ann M. Coleman
 Roberta Grant
 Elizabeth A. Malcolm
 Shirley A. McCauley
 Eugene F. Allen

PART TIME ATTENDANTS

Robert Bates
 William Collins
 Carol Ann Dangora
 Dympha Flavin
 Margaret Kelly
 Mary J. Lynch
 Ruth E. McCarthy

Marion E. MacKinnon
 Gail A. Manning
 Althea L. Murphy
 Maureen Murphy
 Joseph T. O'Hare
 Laura M. Reid
 Brenda A. Smith
 Maureen Splaine

RESIGNED DURING YEAR

Marjorie A. Barrett	Part Time Attendant
Mary A. Cahalan	" " "
E. Lillian Clifford	First Assistant
William J. Clougherty	Part Time Attendant
Grace A. Coiley	Junior Assistant
Carol A. Colcord	Part Time Attendant
A. Frances Dennis	Senior Assistant
Mary T. Dineen	Non-Professional
Lorraine Fitzgerald	Part Time Attendant
Constance R. Jordan	First Assistant
Frances Lavoie	Part Time Attendant
John A. MacKinnon, Jr.	" " "
Diane M. McNamara	" " "
Dorothea Matsas	" " "
Mary M. Muldoon	" " "
Robert J. Murphy	" " "
Mary Ann Stockpole	" " "

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Dear Sirs:

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Somerville Public Library is herewith respectfully submitted and appended thereto, and forming a part of it, the Annual Report of the Librarian, which details the growth and operation of the Library for the past year.

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR G. HELMUND,
President, Board of Trustees

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Board of Trustees:

The year 1955 has been somewhat of a paradox. The attendance at all our locations has been the largest we can recall, the number of registered borrowers the greatest since 1942 and yet we suffered a slight decrease in book circulation. The loss in library circulation was 1525 and in the School Department 10,031. The latter is easily understandable because of the delayed opening of schools during the polio epidemic as well as the confusion caused by the closing of the Bennett School, the January closing of the Glines School and the resultant disruption of extra curricular activities in those classes in other schools which are to be moved to the new Healey and Conwell Schools.

In a review of the statistics of circulation, the non-fiction books continue to increase in both the adult and juvenile departments. The circulations in both departments are as follows:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Fiction	95,876	119,692	215,568
Non-Fiction	52,670	100,638	153,308
Total	148,546	220,330	368,876

With the marked increase of patronage, especially in the afternoon and evening hours, the Reference Department has had its busiest year with 16,622 requests for information, much of which required search to find the answers such as the following samples:

What is the body temperature of a monkey?
 How much does a \$1.00 bill weigh?
 How does one write an eighth note?
 Who named the Gates of Paradise?

9031 borrowers personally requested information at Central and 917 requested information by phone.

The Music Department continues to grow in size and popularity at an unhopd for rate. The 1955 circulation of records was 18,416, a gain of 9017 over 1954. Because of the increased patronage this department is now operating five evenings a week in addition to every afternoon. The borrowers are from all age levels with men definitely predominating. The appreciation of this service is manifest in the few losses

through breakage or damage and only one record is missing from the entire collection. The 78 RPM records are fast fading in the background with the long playing 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ and 45 RPM in greatest demand. We have increased the collection with educational materials and language series and still are hard pressed to keep up with the demand. We now have a collection of 2119 records and albums.

We are in high hopes that the appropriation for a stamping machine for the Bindery Department will not be slashed from our budget. The present system of marking the books with a hand stylus has proven unsatisfactory because of the impossibility of uniformity in lettering. The excellent work of the Bindery Department is missed because of the amateurish markings.

The revision of the main catalogue at Central and the addition of extra guide cards has materially reduced the time spent in filing cards and has greatly added to the borrowers convenience. 11,634 books were accessioned during the year.

The population trend in the eastern end of the city poses a problem. For the past four years we have suffered a steady decline in patronage and circulation at the East Branch. Financially the operation of this location is out of proportion to the services rendered requiring a full time staff of four and two part time employees, while approximately one-half mile distant the Winter Hill Station, with a circulation 50% greater, is operated with two staff members and one part time employee. The East Branch building was erected in 1917, a gift of the Carnegie Foundation with the stipulation that it be used exclusively for library purposes, can very likely be a sore spot if prevailing population trends continue.

Union Square still troubles us because of the inadequacy of the location. We had high hopes during the summer when the building at the corner of Stone Avenue was being altered, but upon investigation by Mayor Donovan the rental proved prohibitive. Again we are faced with a situation which requires serious study, because a large portion of the area is being converted to industry and the prospect of the erection of the new East West Express Highway crossing in the vicinity of Lincoln Park. After a study of the registered borrowers it is still our humble opinion that we can best service this area with a location in the business section of Union Square, but the need for larger quarters is imperative.

The experiment by the BB Chemical Company of Cambridge with plastic covers still continues. They have been covering the books in the Junior Library at Central subjecting them to the hard usage children are inclined to give books. The latest results are most favorable and we have been most fortunate because the protection offered the books keeps them in excellent condition.

The "Know Your Library" program conducted by Mr. Mackey, Misses Holmes, Legere and Merlini has been in great demand by the various organizations in our community. Credit must be given these generous staff members for the time and effort they put into this program.

Mr. Charles Kelley of the Recreation Commission has again cooperated during the fall and winter seasons by conducting a joint Story Hour under the excellent supervision of Miss Virginia Humber. The popularity of these sessions grows each year and the enthusiasm of the young listeners is heart warming.

In December our Children's Program at Central was disrupted by a broken steam main which necessitated the closing of the Junior Library for a week. Because of the location of the main in a trench beneath the floor under the wall stacks it was necessary to rearrange the entire set-up by moving the stacks to the center of the room. In the process the cork floor cover was ruined and must be replaced and the walls will have to be refinished.

We are indebted to Mayor Donovan and Public Works Commissioner Manning for the cooperation we have received in taking care of our needs. New rubber tile floors have been laid at East and Teele Square, much needed front doors and marquee have been installed at East. A rubber composition has been applied to the main entrance stairs at Central and the start of a complete new lighting system has been made.

Honors were bestowed upon two of our Trustees during the year. Father Thomas F. Garrity was elevated to a Monsignor and John J. Griffin was appointed General Agent of the Welfare Department.

There was only one change in the Board of Trustees. Dr. Charles E. Rosenthal was appointed for a three year term ending in 1958 and Mr. Arthur G. Helmund and Mr. William M. McKenna were reappointed for another three year term. Mr.

McKenna, senior member of the Board, has served twenty-five continuous years as a trustee.

A scare was thrown over the staff during the polio epidemic when one of our new members Eugene Allen was stricken. Fortunately his paralytic involvement is not too severe and he is making heroic efforts in his fight back to normalcy.

Recruitment of qualified personnel continues to be a problem. In the past year we had only one applicant with a college degree who accepted employment on the basis that he intended to continue his education next year to acquire a library science degree. There were five resignations and seven new appointments to the staff. One of the appointees resigned after three months service and a second is leaving to be married this spring. At this writing the staff, other than those in supervisory positions consists of three members with five years of experience, one a married woman who is leaving in the next month or so, and the other two have been severely handicapped because of poor health. One with four years of experience and one with three years, both recently married. There are three with 2 years of experience, one of whom is leaving to be married, six with one year of experience, one of whom is leaving this spring because of a family condition and another because of her pending marriage. Of the six non-professionals with less than a year of experience, one will resign this spring to be married as noted above and the second to continue his education. Though marriage appears to be the chief cause of our havoc, the starting salary of \$41.43 per week, with a work week including at least two evenings until 9:00 p. m. and Saturday morning hours, is not sufficient inducement to entice capable applicants.

Absenteeism has become a plague during the year. With a staff of forty-two members there has been 488½ days of absences. An analysis of the individual records produce some rather startling facts. Since the change in the staff rules permitting married women to continue employment on an annual basis, six of our recently married girls have been absent 136 days or approximately one-third of the total. Sixteen staff members have been out only 28 days, ranging from one to 4½ days and three have had a perfect attendance leaving seventeen members absent 324 days. If this serious condition prevails among so few I fear drastic action must be taken concerning our generous twenty-five working days sick leave especially with the unfortunate city ordinance allowing the indefinite accumulation of sick leave. To realize the seriousness and the injustice of this situation, we have several staff

members with an accumulation of from 150 to 170 days as of December 31st. It has been my experience in cases of severe need because of prolonged illnesses that no Mayor in the past has refused my requests for extended sick leaves but now we are at the mercy of the employees who take advantage of a generous provision after they have acquired an accumulation of days and particularly after a ring has been placed on their finger.

The staff changes were as follows:

Resignations

E. Lillian Clifford
Grace A. Coiley
A. Frances Dennis
Mary T. Dineen
Constance R. Jordan

Appointments

Eugene F. Allen	Non-Professional
Mary F. Baker	"
Ann M. Coleman	"
Mary T. Dineen	"
Roberta Grant	"
Shirley A. McCauley	"
Elizabeth A. Malcolm	"

Promotions

Thelma G. Donovan	Junior Assistant, 1st Year
Margaret E. Durkin	" " "
Lillian F. Hixenbaugh	" " "
Saralee Preziosi	" " "
Anne M. Russell	" " "
Diane B. Wilder	" " "
Grace A. Coiley	Junior Assistant, 2nd Year
John A. McInerny	" " "
Virginia A. O'Hare	" " "
Margaret E. Ronayne	" " "
Eleanor A. Long	Junior Assistant, 3rd Year
Marion H. Torino	Senior Assistant, 1st Year
Alice P. Burkhart	Senior Assistant, 2nd Year
A. Marion Johnian	" " "
Katharine V. Nolan	" " "
M. Louise McGrath	" " "
Katharine V. Nolan	First Assistant at East

Though I have been critical in this report concerning the staff, I must confess with few exceptions they are a most loyal group who willingly cooperate in all matters pertaining to the best interest of the library. To them I am greatly indebted.

To the Board of Trustees I am ever grateful for their interest and advice. The friendliness and spirit of cooperation of this Board is outstanding. I appreciate your confidence and counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. KELLEY,

Librarian.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM FOR UNIFORM STATISTICS

City: Somerville County: Middlesex State: Massachusetts
 Name of Library: The Public Library of the City of Somerville
 Date of founding: 1872
 Name of Librarian: John D. Kelley
 Report of the fiscal year ending: December 31, 1955
 Governmental unit of support and service: City
 Population served (1950 census) 102,254
 Terms of use: Free for lending—Free for reference

Agencies

Central Library	1	
Branches in Library Buildings	2	
Branches in Rented Rooms	1	
Stations in Rented Rooms	2	
Others, in Schools	271	
in Institutions	8	
TOTAL		285

Circulation and Use

Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use	52,670
Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use	95,876
Number of volumes of juveniles lent for home use	220,330
Total number of volumes lent for home use	368,876
Period of loan for the majority of adult book stock 14 days	
Number of inter-library loans: Volumes lent 31	
Volumes borrowed 25	
Number of reference questions answered 9948	
Total number of records lent for home use Albums 3,696	
Records 18,416	

Registration

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Total number of registered borrowers	9,307	7,725	17,032
Borrowers registered during year	4,592	3,749	8,341
Registration period: 2 years			

Book Stock

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes December 31, 1954..	92,362	46,952	139,314
Number of volumes added during year ...	5,284	6,622	11,906
Number of volumes withdrawn during year	3,665	3,240	6,905
Number of volumes December 31, 1955..	93,981	50,334	144,315
Number of newspapers currently received excluding duplicates			16
Number of periodicals currently received excluding duplicates			149

FINANCE

Assessed valuation of the city—\$124,739,300.00

Receipts

Local Taxation		
Library Department		\$167,098.62
Fines included in above	\$4,365.95	
Dog licenses included in above	4,592.00	
Invested Funds:		
Balance from 1954	\$1,516.86	
Income during 1955 ...	899.11	
		<u>2,415.97</u>
TOTAL		\$169,514.59

Expenditures

Salaries: Library Department	\$136,141.39	
Books: Appropriation	\$19,909.51	
Funds	322.95	
	<u>20,232.46</u>	
Music	1,045.18	
Periodicals	1,316.85	
Binding	629.41	
Insurance .....	.00	
Other Operating Expenses ...	7,351.56	
	<u>\$166,716.85</u>	
TOTAL		\$166,716.85

Transfers To Other Departments

None

Balance

December 31, 1955

Library Department		
Appropriation Services	\$772.23	
Appropriation Ordinary Maintenance .....	.49	
Trust Funds	2,025.02	
	<u>2,797.74</u>	
GRAND TOTAL		\$169,514.59

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

J. HELEN CLOUGH
Chairman

JOHN J. CONWAY

JOHN P. HENRY

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On Finance, Investigations, and Relief
Mrs. Clough, Mr. Conway and Mr. Henry

GENERAL AGENT

JOHN J. GRIFFIN

CITY PHYSICIAN

JOHN M. TAVARES, M.D.

STAFF OF THE CITY PHYSICIAN

BENJAMIN BLESOFF, M. D.

JOSEPH BALDASSARRE, M. D.

MARIE A. HANRAHAN, R. N.

MARY G. WELCH, Med. & Dent. Asst.

Somerville, Massachusetts
February 15, 1956

To His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Board of Public Welfare submits, herewith, the annual report of the General Agent and the report of City Physician, together with illustrative statistical tables.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HELEN CLOUGH, Chairman
JOHN J. CONWAY
JOHN P. HENRY

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The following is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the General Agent of the Board of Public Welfare for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The year 1955 was a memorable one in the history of the Somerville Welfare Department because of a significant succession of very important events.

The three year term of Mr. Charles J. Sullivan as a member of the Board of Public Welfare expired and he was succeeded by Mr. John P. Henry who took the oath of office on January 13, 1955.

At the regular meeting held on January 18, the Board organized for the year and Mrs. J. Helen Clough was elected Chairman of the Board, by unanimous vote.

The chief change in the Staff was the naming of a new Executive Head of the Department. John J. Griffin, Supervisor of Old Age Assistance since 1943, Acting General Agent during the vacations and illness of the late Mr. Willwerth, and Temporary General Agent since March 1, 1954, was promoted to the position of permanent General Agent by unanimous vote of the Board of Public Welfare at the regular meeting of the Board on February 15, 1955 after the official establishment

of the Civil Service List which Mr. Griffin headed. Mayor William J. Donovan immediately approved the action of the Board and arranged with City Clerk Norman E. Corwin for the instant taking of the oath of office by Mr. Griffin who was forthwith sworn in by the City Clerk in the Mayor's Office.

NET COSTS ACTUALLY DECLINE

It will be a startling surprise to most people to learn that although the gross expenditures of the Welfare Department increased by \$74,001.52 in 1955 over the 1954 total, the net costs to the City of Somerville actually declined by \$26,546.50.

The aggregate expenditures for 1955 were \$3,010,429.67 as against \$2,936,428.15 in 1954. But the net costs in 1955 were but \$662,279.53 in contrast to the preceding year's figure of \$688,826.03. Despite the traditional asseverations about the tremendous influence which Welfare costs supposedly have on the local tax rate, it is perfectly plain that the 1955 net costs represent less than \$5.10 of the \$63.20 per thousand tax rate. It is true of course, as we have frequently pointed out, that the annual appropriation must include the amounts eventually and belatedly to be reimbursed by the State, but it is likewise important to bear in mind the yearly income from the State's share in financing. **Expenditures and costs** are entirely different realities, but in common conversation the distinction is likely to be lost, especially by those unfamiliar with the intricacies of welfare financing. It is high time that public cognizance was taken of the stark truth that net costs to the City constitute less than one quarter of the total outlays. In fact, net costs in 1955 were but 22 percent of gross expenditures.

A further analysis of the figures reveals some very interesting data. For example, the expenditures for "Personal Services" which is salaries, was reduced over \$10,000 in 1955, chiefly due to the closure of the City Infirmary. The 1954 expense for "Personal Services" was \$212,326.04 and the 1955 figure but \$201,994.59, a difference of \$10,331.45.

The maintenance costs of the Municipal Welfare Clinic reflected the radical change in policy which we effected in 1954 whereby the policy of dispensing drugs was abrogated and the character of this unit was made simply diagnostic, except for emergency treatments. Since the salaries of the City Physicians are included under this heading and since they remained the same, as did also the wages of other staff mem-

bers, it is clear that the savings effected resulted from the discontinuance of drug dispensing. In 1954 the Clinic costs equalled \$20,233.36 and in 1955 they totalled \$16,404.76 or a reduction of \$3,828.60.

From time to time we have heard ill-founded criticisms of the presumably excessive costs of public assistance administration. A dispassionate look at the record locally at least, tends to shatter such a baseless preconception. Neither private industry, in general, nor the voluntary social service agencies have administrative costs comparably low. The Table which is printed below provides insight into the facts. Pithily, it demonstrates that the gross administrative expenses of the entire Welfare Department are but 7.3 per cent of aggregate disbursements. In reading the detailed breakdown it should be borne in mind that the figures represent expenditures rather than costs. The Department receives 75 per cent Federal-State reimbursement for administration as well as for assistance in the Disability Assistance Division, fifty per cent administrative financing from the Federal Government in the Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children categories and an approximately equal share from the same source for some of the personnel carried on the Miscellaneous Welfare payroll whose jurisdiction extends to all the other categories as for example, the Accountant, the Head Clerk and the General Agent. It should also be known that general overhead costs for maintenance, furnishings, repair, and utilities are shared by Uncle Sam.

The ledgers disclose that of the \$3,010,429.67 expended in all by the Department but \$219,101.44 or 7.3 per cent went for administrative expenses, and that administrative grants from the Federal and reimbursements from the State totalled \$91,213.07. Hence, 41.6 per cent of all administrative expenses were subsidized by the Federal and State governments.

The total income of the Department during the year is detailed below in Tables A through E. It equalled \$2,348,150.14. The extent of the Federal participation is regulated by the application of a complicated formula and in 1955 Uncle Sam's paid share of our relief grants was \$5,038.97 less than in 1954. On the other hand, State reimbursements were \$70,494.00 higher despite a drop of almost \$10,000 in the meal tax distribution, and a diminution of almost \$5,000 in reimbursements for non-settled cases, because of the closure of the City Home. These non-settled cases of course, have been absorbed by the categorical programs wherein the specific returns are not easily identified.

In 1954 Federal fiscal participation returned \$1,124,904.59 to us, and in 1955 the sum was \$1,119,865.62, whereas in the former year the State reimbursed us to a total of \$1,007,476.59 and in 1955 to the gross figure of \$1,077,970.59.

Because in Massachusetts, the financing of public assistance is a tripartite responsibility involving the Federal, State and local governments, the principles and procedures of the Department's fiscal operations are not readily comprehended by externs. Suffice it to remark here that the monies received from the Federal government are earmarked for the Department's own accounts, may not be channelled elsewhere and go to supplement the local appropriations included in the Annual Budget which are calculated in view of such income. On the contrary, the reimbursements made by the Commonwealth go into the City's general revenue account and are not returned to the Department's accounts. Hence, the anticipation of such income cannot influence the amount of the local appropriation included in the Municipal Annual Budget. Moreover, while there is a steady annual income from State reimbursements flowing into the City's treasury, the fact is that reimbursements for public assistance expenditures lag as much as a year in arrears. Thus reimbursements for A.D.C. expenditures made from July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955 were not paid to Somerville until September of the year 1955. The usual time of payment is somewhat earlier but the protracted session of the State Legislature and the delay in the passage of the State budget deferred distribution of the Commonwealth's share. An inherent difficulty is the fact that the State's fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30, while the fiscal year of the local governments is concurrent with the calendar year.

RECOVERIES OF MONEY

The chief fount of what are known as "Recoveries" of assistance money expended derives from the Lien Law obtaining in Old Age Assistance, from estates (mostly by virtue of Section 4A of Chapter 118A) and less importantly from insurance assigned to the City in accordance with the low ceiling for readily liquidable assets (\$300) prevailing in Disability Assistance eligibility requirements. Our policy has been to pursue diligently and to corral every possible penny available from these potential sources. The undersigned has reserved the discharge of liens to himself precisely in order to implement a vigilant attitude in respect to their financial possibilities.

The records for the year carry substantial evidence that this aggressive pursuit has proven manifestly productive of positive results. Our total collection from "Recoveries" in 1954 was \$26,151.43 whereas for 1955 it amounted to \$42,853.69, representing an increase of \$16,702.26 or 60.4 per cent.

We were especially fortunate in the size of certain settlements effected during 1955 and it would not be safe to use our experience as a criterion of future activity in this area, particularly since we successfully pressed for the payment of several outstanding obligations.

COLLECTIONS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS

Virtually all the municipalities of the Commonwealth are confronted with critical financial problems similar to our own. Hence collecting monies due from them for public assistance which we have granted to persons possessing "legal settlement" in their respective territories, is not an easy task. It is especially onerous and difficult when the besieged community chances to be a creditor whose claims we have not fully honored.

As in the case of "Recoveries" we have followed a policy of systematic attack in this field by maintaining continuing contact with the Welfare Agents of the various Cities and Towns and by periodically reviewing our mutual commitments.

Despite the intrinsic complexities, we are happy to report that during 1955 we managed to amass \$66,607.40 in sharp contrast to the \$37,284.03 inflow of the prior year. The increase therefore, was \$29,323.37 which is tantamount to an increment of 78.6 per cent. It is perhaps superfluous to emphasize here, that such income swells "estimated receipts" to the benefit of the local tax rate.

ANNUAL BUDGET

Projecting estimates of probable expenditures by the Department for the coming year, based on the experience of the previous year in the several categories of public relief, is an extremely delicate assignment because of the myriad number of variables which must be considered. No amount of crystal gazing can envision how many applications for aid will be filed, how many recipients will die, transfer, enter Nursing Homes, be hospitalized or need medical attention. Nor can

the decisions of Congress or of the State Legislature be anticipated in relation to their continuing appraisal of liberalizing proposals. Even less predictable are the never-ceasing fluctuations of the economy as a whole, and the changes in local industry, particularly. Moreover, the exact returns in Federal grants are not foreseeable since they vary according to the type as well as the number of cases. Neither we may add, is the precise time of receipt of these necessary funds. It is not to be wondered at therefore, if welfare administrators attempting to prepare reasonably approximate Annual Budget figures share the sensitive feelings of the philosopher William James when he spoke of being "overwhelmed by an irremediable sense of precariousness."

Despite the inevitable hazards of the requisite "scientific guessing" we may now observe in retrospect that we came comfortably close to achieving a "bull's-eye." Unlike other Municipal Departments which do not receive Federal financial grants or have refunds and recoveries, the Welfare Department must prepare net estimates as well as gross according to a fixed formula which essentially reflects the previous year's income. We requested a net overall appropriation of \$1,887,-820.91. His Honor the Mayor slashed our total by \$176,438.54. Before the end of the year virtually the entire deduction had to be restored by floatation of a \$160,000 bond issue. In fact, if we met all the City and Town demands for money owed we would have needed the restoration of the whole amount subtracted, and more.

FINANCING

The manner and means of financing public assistance is not the responsibility of the administrator but rather that of the Executive and Legislative breacher of government on every level—national, state and local. The statutes of our own Commonwealth make it eminently clear that adequate monies **must** be appropriated for public assistance. The fact however, that the administrator inevitably stands at the very vortex of the maelstrom of fiscal problems which ceaselessly beleaguer his Department, conduces to the development of a board interest in this vital area of government. Hence a few observations may not be out of order here.

First of all, it should be remarked perhaps that financing public assistance is such a complex problem and is so inter-related with other phases of governmental operation as well as with the cyclic variations in the social economy, that any

generalizations formulated in respect to it are subject to exceptions and often to debate. A look at the local record nevertheless is illuminating.

Ever since the early days of the so-called economic depression of the nineteen thirties, the Massachusetts Legislature by a succession of enactments has provided the statutory authority for municipalities to borrow for public relief purposes. Such borrowings of course constitute supplementary appropriations. The extent to which the permissive Acts of the Legislature have been taken advantage of locally, should be a matter of general interest and accordingly, we recently requested City Treasurer William J. Reynolds to supply us with a schedule showing the activity in this field over the years. The schedule is printed below. It divulges the impressive fact that in the period 1933-1955 inclusive, the City of Somerville has borrowed \$6,120,500.00 for relief.

The total costs of these loans in terms of premiums and regular interest charges is not conveniently available. In any event, the whole subject appears to warrant analysis and reflection. Unfortunately we do not have at hand all the myriad facts requisite for a scrutinizing and objective evaluation. We are principally concerned about the evident implication of insufficient appropriations for relief in the Annual Budgets at the beginning of the respective years. The causes of such inadequacy probably differed from one year to another, but they assuredly deserve the studied attention of some scholarly researcher interested in taxation.

This retrospective look at the ledgers suggests a number of thoughts. The figures would seem to indicate that municipalities like individual persons who fell victim to the economic debacle never completely surmounted the accompanying fiscal crisis. Indeed, the financial dilemma appears to have worsened. An alternative conclusion of course, might be that in municipal financing as in other areas of human conduct, adherence to accepted custom is easier than enterprising deviation.

It is pointedly plain of course, as we well realize, that liberalizing legislation, vacillations of the economy and the size of assistance caseloads cannot be gauged in advance with absolute accuracy, and therefore estimates for the Annual Budget may fall short of the eventual realities. On the other hand, realistic estimates by the administrator, may be discounted with the consequent necessity of supplementing ap-

propriations financed by costly borrowing. It is in this regard that we consider the wisdom of indulging in the recidivistic habit of floating bond issues for public assistance definitely challengeable.

We set this forth as a general principle rather than as a comment upon any specific set of circumstances. In doing so we are alert to the realization that we may be pilloried by some for going counter-clockwise. Popular thinking on such subjects today has been cushioned and conditioned by such widely accepted notions as an elastic national debt limit, deficit spending, long-term amortizations, unrestricted consumer credit and concomitant installment buying and similar concepts.

The very fact that the Emergency Finance Board has recently abbreviated the tenure of such loans to two years instead of the usual five, would seem to intimate that a formal movement is under way to reverse the historic trend.

On the other hand the Legislature in 1955 rubberized the floor of the statutory requirements for the taking of relief loans by municipalities. Prior to the past year a City could not borrow for public assistance unless it had appropriated one hundred percent of the prior year's expenditures in the categorical assistance classifications (Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children) and seventy-five percent for General Relief. Now however, the basic requisite has been lessened to ninety percent for the categories. This decision of the General Court was obviously precipitated by the phenomenon of ballooning local taxation which has in most instances reached the point of saturation and therefore of diminishing returns.

We offer these comments in a constructive spirit and chiefly because the popular mind is not keen for distinctions. Consequently, it is not always aware of the truth that the Welfare Department while accountable for economical stewardship within the framework of our liberal laws, is not responsible for the manner of financing public assistance. On each occasion when it becomes necessary to float a bond issue for public assistance, there has been published broadcast some wholly unjustifiable strictures of the Department by individuals whom we prefer to think are ill-informed rather than ulteriorly motivated. The annulled listing which follows surely witnesses quite graphically that there is nothing novel about floating bond issues for public relief. Therefore, pretense to the contrary is palpably specious.

MUNICIPAL RELIEF LOANS

Date	Year	Amounts
9/26	1933	\$325,000
10/1	1934	130,000
10/1	1935	150,000
7/1	1936	225,000
10/1	1936	175,000
4/1	1936	200,000
4/1	1937	150,000
10/1	1937	275,000
10/1	1937	160,000
4/1	1938	150,000
7/1	1938	175,000
7/1	1938	120,000
10/1	1939	50,000
10/1	1938	92,000
4/1	1939	100,000
7/1	1939	150,000
7/1	1939	100,000
10/2	1939	60,000
10/2	1939	64,000
10/2	1939	113,000
7/1	1940	100,000
10/1	1940	50,000
10/1	1940	200,000
4/1	1940	150,000
4/1	1941	267,000
4/1	1941	250,000
10/1	1941	35,000
4/1	1942	200,000
7/1	1942	145,000
10/1	1942	68,000
10/1	1942	39,000
7/1	1946	235,000
10/1	1948	290,500
9/15	1950	118,000
11/15	1950	354,000
10/1	1952	255,000
10/1	1954	225,000
	1955	175,000
TOTAL		<hr/> \$6,120,500

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The gradual decline in the Old Age Assistance caseload perceptible during the past few years, was vividly accelerated locally during 1955. On January 1, the Bureau was carrying a roster of 2083 names, and on December 31 there were but 2032 on the rolls. This represents a decrease in numbers of almost 2.5 per cent.

Remarkably enough too, despite the generally spiralling costs caused by statutory and official policy liberalizations, the actual cost of the Old Age Assistance program tapered off

slightly in relation to the experience of the preceding year. In 1955 the Bureau expended a gross total of \$1,927,606.82 or \$1,998.45 less than the \$1,929,605.27 of the previous year.

It should also be noted that expenditures for 1955 were \$47,260.67 under the peak figure of \$1,974,867.49 reached in 1952. The 1955 total is approximately 2.4 per cent lower than the pinnacle cost of 1952.

The fact is that there has been a very remarkable decline in the categorical caseload since 1950, when for a brief period there were in the vicinity of 2300 aged persons receiving assistance. The decrease is attributable principally to two factors: first and most important is the successive amendments to the Social Security Act expanding and liberalizing the Old Age and Survivors Insurance provisions, and secondly, the effectiveness of the Lien Law (Chapter 801 of the Acts of 1951) in Massachusetts, particularly as a deterrent measure.

Our experience attests transparently enough that the costs of Old Age Assistance would decline correspondingly to the caseload were it not that savings are in each instance, precluded or nullified by law or policy liberalizations. The principal ingredient of the mounting per capita costs recently has without question been exorbitant medical expenses ascribable to the official State Medical Care Plan which cannot be regarded as other than "give-away" in character since it imposes no effective limits and to all extents and purposes has rampaged beyond operative control.

Anticipated savings during the prospective year (1956) have been cancelled out in advance by the introduction of the \$2.50 monthly increment for "transportation," by the continually rising medical fee schedules, inflated hospital rates, the undoubted imminence of rental adjustment and similar factors.

It is especially interesting in view of the popular misconception about the effect of public assistance expenditures on the local tax rate, to glance at the attached chart showing the annulled aggregate expenditures and net costs of the Old Age Assistance Bureau for the first quarter century of its existence. The recapitulative totals make clear that of the gross \$22,145,083.49 expended during the twenty-five year period 1931-1955 inclusive, the net cost to Somerville was but \$3,666,721.06, representing a grand average of but 16.5 per cent, approximately.

Singularly deserving of record and of studied advertence is the important fact that while the gross outlay for Old Age Assistance declined somewhat less than \$2,000 during 1955, the net costs actually decreased \$35,731.91 or from \$289,607.89 in 1954 to \$253,875.98 in 1955 or more than 12.3 per cent. This decrease in net costs is attributable as is obvious from the illustrative Tables which follow, to increased revenue from **recovered** monies and to vastly improved collections from other municipalities. The influential facts are that in 1955, funds recovered soared \$15,096.50 over 1954 and collections from other communities pyramided \$18,638.72. Percentage-wise this equalled an increase of 60.2 per cent in recoveries and of 70.3 in the liquidation of debts owed by other Cities and Towns. The latter achievement is particularly gratifying when we pause to realize that all our larger municipalities are presently overwhelmed by positively staggering burdens of taxation and hence are just as resistant as we are to meeting any but absolutely imperative obligations.

As we have endeavored to emphasize in our earlier Annual Reports, the caseload of an Agency at any particular moment is not an accurate index of the volume of its activities. There is an immense turn-over of cases during any one year in our Department and in each of its Divisions.

When we read for example, that there were 2083 persons aided at the beginning and 2032 at the end of the year we might understandably be inclined simply to infer that the variation for the calendar period was but 51 cases. It is easy to forget that we are not dealing with material constants but rather with human variables in our social work. The stark reality is that the 2032 of December 31 are not by any means the 2083 of January 1, less 51 individuals. The caseload is mobile and fluid and the processing of new cases and the closure of old ones goes on daily without interruption. A few figures will help to limn the proper perspective. During 1955 the Old Age Assistance Bureau actually aided 2261 different persons. While 398 cases were closed, 246 new were activated and an additional 82 were reinstated. Budgetary adjustments moreover, because of changes of circumstances, are never ceasing. During the twelve months some 599 monthly payments were increased and 546 decreased. Furthermore, 76 applicants were denied after investigation or withdrew their petitions. In addition, some 1850 cases were rebudgeted to include the \$2.50 monthly increment for transportation payable January 1, 1956.

The causes of dependency which lead to the accretion of new cases are well recognized. The reasons for closure are not

so well known. Hence the following statistical explanation for the discontinuance of aid may prove enlightening. Of the 398 cases in question, 229 died, 63 transferred to other communities, 51 were found to have sufficient income (according to the State Standards of Assistance) 21 personally requested cessation of aid, 20 entered institutions wherein assistance was not needed, 11 moved out of the Commonwealth permanently and hence became ineligible, and 3 were discovered to have transferred property. Most often "personal requests" for discontinuance of assistance are traceable to the acceptance of employment, possession of new resources, or the decision of legally liable children to provide support. Incidentally, the average age of new applicants during the year was 71.4 years, a fact which corroborates our long-standing conviction that the preponderance of our clients refrain from applying for assistance until they are quite depleted both physically and economically. Nor do we ever tire of correcting the false impression which is widespread that nearly all our citizens over 65 years of age receive public assistance. The fact is that nationally, in this State as a whole and in Somerville, only about 18 to 20 per cent receive Old Age Assistance. In the 1950 Federal Census, some 9860 residents of Somerville admitted to being 65 or over. It is reasonable to conclude therefore, that there are well over 10,000 aged here, of whom but a fifth ask for public aid.

Early in the year the Office of the Supervisor of Social Work in this Division was shifted to that vacated by the Credit Union. An attractive new floor covering was laid in the new Office by the Public Works Department prior to the move.

The program of the Division was strengthened during the year by several Conferences of the Supervisors with the General Agent, by a two day session on the Medical Care Plan (which was participated in by the other Divisions) and by the institution of a new set of policies and card control system governing the processing of notices to legally liable children.

The introduction of one uniform letterhead and of the same printed forms (wherever possible) for all the Divisions of the Department resulted in economy of expenditures especially in this largest of the categorical programs.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

The assistance program for the permanently and totally disabled expended \$46,872.04 more in 1955 than in the year preceding. The gross disbursements rose from \$261,-

034.06 to \$307,906.10, an increase of 15.2 per cent. The upward trend in this category is consonant with state-wide and nation-wide experience. Locally it is quite easily explicable because a number of cases formerly in the City Infirmary (which was liquidated on October 1, 1954) were successfully processed for this type of relief. Moreover, our special project known as "Operation General Relief" which resulted in a scrutinizing sifting of extant cases in the latter category, had as one of its valuable consequences the filing of 23 applications for Disability Assistance.

It should be remembered that the combined Federal grants and State reimbursements are equal to a 75 per cent financing of this program not only for assistance but uniquely for administration. It is the only program in which the Commonwealth participates in administrative costs.

The overall turnover of cases in this category is remarkably high. On January 1, 1955 there were 239 active D.A. individual cases and on December 31 the roll contained 251 names.

During the course of the year, 82 new cases were processed and 24 reopened. Some 71 applications were rejected or withdrawn and 95 cases were closed. Budgetary adjustments included 84 increases and 73 decreased in monthly assistance payments. A total of 332 different persons were aided during the year. A review of the reasons for discontinuance of aid in this category is informative. While assistance recipients enjoy the option of choosing the relief program of their choice within eligibility frameworks, in the practical order, they are instructed as to the advantages of one type over another and logically select the more liberal. Since Old Age Assistance has been embellished by such attractive enhancements as a \$4.00 monthly allowance for "Leisure Time Activities" and more recently by a \$2.50 monthly increment for "TRAVEL" we are not surprised to discover that 19 D.A. recipients transferred to O.A.A. as soon as they reached their 65th birthday anniversaries. The death rate in this category is relatively high and 25 individuals died during the year. Other reasons for closure comprised: 6 transfers to other communities, 16 became or were found financially ineligible, temporary medical approvals for 12 expired and 10 more were refused renewal of approval by the Medical Review Team (of the State Department) after an appraisal of their condition; 4 were admitted to institutions for the tubercular and 1 refused to assign insurance considered by the statute to be "excessive," and 2 personally requested termination of aid.

The future of the Disability Assistance category which was established as a compromise measure by a Congress reluctant to sanction Federal financial participation in General Relief appears to hinge upon a number of contingencies, probably the most important of which is the ultimate fate of the proposed and widely-supported plan for a national Disability Insurance program complementary to Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

GENERAL RELIEF

The General Relief (otherwise known as the Miscellaneous Welfare) Division experienced the usual fluctuations in case-load. Most sensitive of all the categories to the ebb and flow of the economic tides, the General Relief program is financed almost exclusively by local funds. Because of its very character as a resource for those ineligible for the more permanent types of public assistance, it requires perpetual vigilance in order to exclude the possibility of professional malingerers becoming static pensioners. To this end certain positive steps were taken during 1955.

In regard to expenditures, this "Temporary Aid" Division disbursed \$247,953.95 which was \$31,051.25 more than was spent in 1954. However, it should be noted immediately that the type of applicants traditionally relegated to the City Infirmary were necessarily absorbed in the regular payroll of the Division because they were referred to lodging houses or nursing homes, or were placed in the Tewksbury State Infirmary at the expense of the Division. Relevantly therefore, it is interesting to observe that whereas our Department spent \$244,288.61 for the operation of the City Home and the General Relief program together, in 1954, the gross costs for the year being reported were but \$3,665.34 more.

In comparing the costs for the two consecutive years it should be pointed out that in 1954 we reimbursed the State for children placed with the Division of Child Guardianship for foster care, some \$14,667.17 whereas this past year we made only an initial payment of \$3,737.44. Therefore, in 1954 we expended \$10,929.84 more for this purpose. The reason for this difference is that a question has arisen respecting the proper interpretation of Chapter 119 of the General Laws (which was rewritten by the Legislature in 1954) in reference to whether it is the responsibility of the Commonwealth or of the political subdivision to subsidize care for dependent children entrusted to the State Welfare Department's Division of Child Guardianship. Somerville's City Solicitor Attorney

George S. Ryan as well as the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston, construe the statute as squarely placing the financial responsibility on the State. The State Welfare Department while contending to the contrary, has been thus far unable to elicit an Opinion from the Attorney General.

While we spent less for D.C.G. cases in 1955, we liquidated a far greater share of our indebtedness to other communities for Somerville settled persons aided there. In 1954 we paid but \$20,504.95 to other Cities and Towns for general assistance cases whereas in 1955 we discharged \$51,400.04 of our obligations or an additional \$30,895.09. This practical recognition of our commitments to our creditors has undoubtedly served to alleviate the prejudiced attitude which has prevailed against our agency in certain communities because of our failure over the years to pay our bills. Our experience tends to convince us that once our credit is reestablished, the respective communities will reciprocate. We cannot hope for happy inter-governmental relationships on any level unless mutual-ity of trust can be assumed.

There were 182 cases on the General Relief rolls on January 1, 1955 and 173 on December 31. The turn over of cases in this Division is particularly heavy as might be expected in a temporary aid program. During the year 671 family and individual cases were aided, and 331 applications were rejected or withdrawn.

A number of important developments affecting the General Relief Division occurred during the year. First of all the Division was moved to more commodious, compact and convenient quarters in the space formerly occupied by the Old Age Assistance Division. Secondly, the Settlement Division was intergrated with the General Relief Division, and the supervisory lines of authority were clarified. Thirdly, the Division of Child Guardianship cases were thoroughly reviewed twice and the records brought up to date. Fourthly, a Staff Conference was held with the General Agent by virtue of which matters pertaining to investigation, settlement, recording and medical care were clarified. Fifthly, a sweeping survey of all G.R. cases was undertaken in October, during which the Supervisors and Social Workers of all other Divisions were mobilized for the "Operation."

This radical approach had far-reaching results and its full effect can scarcely be overestimated. It opened up new avenues of cooperation and enlightenment for all involved, it fa-

cilitated the referral and transition of cases from one category to another, it revealed deficiencies in procedure and contributed to improved investigation and recording. In the most practical order, this "Operation" resulted in the closure and transfer to other categories of an appreciable number of cases with consequent savings which were reflected in the last quarter of the year. Each case was first thoroughly re-investigated and specific recommendations made, secondly, the categorical Supervisors continued to oversee and examine the work done by their own Social Workers, thereafter the Supervisors reviewed all the cases with the General Agent and all recommendations were openly analyzed, modified budgets were used for measurements of need and the means outlined for the further exploration of resources. Following the assemblage of all reports, further study was undertaken, all the reports were typed and collateral contacts by letter (to banks, employers, insurance companies, etc.) scheduled. A number of unreported assets were discovered.

A sixth development of importance to this Division was a series of conferences held by the Agent with the Department of Veterans Services and the forthright institution of new policies governing the handling of applicants who are veterans. As a result of these conferences and of a written communication to the Commissioner of Veterans Services, there has resulted a general improvement in relations between the two Departments and the referral of cases has been facilitated.

Other eventualities influencing the G.R. program included the checking with local banks of all cases on the assistance rolls, the investigation of automobile ownership by the checking of excise tax records in the Treasurer's Office and close liaison with the Industrial Accident Board on Workman's Compensation claims and their implications for assistance.

The primary objective of all public assistance insofar as possible, in our opinion, is not simply support or transient relief but the return to self-dependence and permanent rehabilitation. Hence, for years the Department has considered the finding of suitable employment a function within the purview of its General Relief Division.

Mr. Joseph A. MacDonald, Supervisor of Social Work in charge of General Relief is also our Employment Manager, and he submits the following figures for 1955: 137 persons were referred to specific employers previously contacted by the Division, and 96 actually were given employment. It goes

without saying that the savings effected by the Employment Division are considerable.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Although the charted figures indicate precisely the same number of cases on the A.D.C. rolls on December 31, 1955 as on January 1, namely 307, the fact is that the experience barometer of this Division oscillated widely during the year and hovered around the 330 mark for a period. The expenditures of the category increased \$25,462.59 or approximately 5 per cent, rising from \$501,500.21 to \$526,962.80.

A detailed breakdown of cases processed by this Division shows that 115 new applications were handled, 36 cases were reinstated, aid was discontinued in 159 instances and 38 applicants were refused aid or voluntarily cancelled their requests. There were 338 assistance grants adjusted upwards and re-budgeting resulted in 239 decreases in monthly payments. In all, 442 different cases and 1056 different children were aided during the year.

In order to show the long-time fiscal trend in this category we prepared the annalled chart which follows. It reveals the aggregate expenditures and net costs of the A.D.C. program during the past 25 years.

Prior to 1937 when the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act became effective, this category of assistance (with some variant qualifications) was known in this State as "Mother's Aid", and was established in 1914. The recorded figures reveal clearly enough the impact of Federal financial participation and the resultant percentagewise decline in local costs. Correspondingly they make manifest the effect of vastly liberalized eligibility requirements.

It is to be noted that the local cost of A.D.C. is (percentagewise) considerably higher than in Old Age Assistance because of the less generous formula of reimbursement used by the State and the less liberal provision of the Federal formula for sharing the expenses of this program. However, within the past few years, amendments to the Social Security Act and consequent changes in State policies have in combination succeeded in lessening the burden on municipalities.

It is to be remarked that of the \$5,903,498.33 expended over the quarter century span 1931-1955 inclusive, only \$2,107,071.88 or 35.7 per cent devolved upon Somerville in net costs.

The chief cause of dependency in A.D.C. cases is synoptically, loss of the breadwinner by death, divorce, desertion, abandonment, imprisonment, or because of one or another form of marital rupture.

A detailed analysis of the local A.D.C. caseload made in November disclosed findings generally in accord with those revealed by nation-wide statistical surveys. The prominence of marital dissolution as the leading precipitating factor rather than partial orphanhood (the death of the father), tends to surprise the general public, but the fact is well recognized by social scientists who know that orphanhood is less frequent now than in years past.

The causes of dependency in our experience rates as follows:

Divorce	21.99 %
Incapacitated Parent	14.09 %
Death of Father	13.06 %
Legal Separation	12.03 %
Illegitimacy	9.97 %
Children by former marriage	9.28 %
Incarceration of Father	7.56 %
Parental Separation by Mutual Consent	6.18 %
Desertion	5.84 %
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Certain procedures were introduced in the A.D.C. Division during the year to improve case recording especially in regard to the transcription of reports filed by the Domestic Relations Supervisor. Moreover, the respective responsibilities of the latter and of the regular A.D.C. Social Workers was reviewed and defined more exactly with resultant benefits mutually helpful. Furthermore, policies pertaining to the availability of duplicate law enforcement forms in A.D.C. case folders in conformity with the desires of the State Welfare Department were clarified.

A study by the State Welfare Department Field Representative of a five percent sampling of A.D.C. cases in reference to conformity with State Letter No. 69, proved of value in highlighting certain factors, and a consequent Staff Conference with the State Official in the Office of the General Agent resulted it is confidently hoped, in a generally deeper appreciation of the import and methods of intensive case work.

More searching investigative procedures particularly in reference to bank accounts, proved fruitful in a few specific

instances and a series of notices sent to clients regarding possible income, resources or employment brought about the discontinuance of aid in several cases.

A speed up in the monthly reporting of payments received from husbands under Court orders, by the Probation Department of the District Court has facilitated the filing of requisite reports with the State Welfare Department, and is attributable to the effective mediation of Supervisor Crowley.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

The year 1955 was probably the busiest of all in the history of this Division.

The Staff of the Division experienced a change with the retirement in August of Inspector John Courtney and his replacement by Inspector Jeremiah F. Donovan. Inspector Courtney served the Department with genuine skill and in a spirit of unflinching cooperation for many years. The Board of Public Welfare formally paid tribute to his efficiency in a communication sent to him upon the occasion of his leaving, and our Staff presented him with a wrist watch at the Christmas party.

The volume of work handled by the Division may be appreciated from a series of statistics accumulated by Supervisor Lawrence Crowley who was present on one hundred and twenty-five occasions at the District, Superior or Probate Courts on cases involving non-support, failure to pay as ordered, illegitimacy and violation of probation. The success of these appearances in terms of financial savings to the Department has been well documented in a series of four detailed quarterly reports submitted during the year to the General Agent for presentation to the Board. Furthermore, a total of 553 written reports were relayed to the A. D. C. Bureau and an additional 162 to the General Relief Division. These reports dealt with legal action taken in reference to cases on relief, the findings and disposition made by the Courts, collateral contacts made with employers, relatives, parents, and agreements concluded obviating judicial decisions. Some twenty-five jail sentences were handed out by the Courts to men who refused to provide support for their families in accordance with their legal liability as determined.

The national business Office of the Social Security Administration in Baltimore has proven a rich source of informa-

tion in the search for missing husbands whose employment records can thus be traced. Approximately 60 requests were made to the Federal Agency at different times and in several instances clinching data was obtained about deserting spouses who in years past would simply be lost under the generic title of "whereabouts unknown".

Further insight into the activities of this Division may be gathered from the following excerpt culled from a summary recently filed with the General Agent by Supervisor Crowley:

"As the result of information received from this Agency, (Social Security Board) we processed five cases in our District Court under Chapter 273A, commonly referred to as the Uniform Enforcement of Support Act. It is gratifying to report that, as of this writing, the Department is in receipt of payments, ranging from \$28.00 to \$80.00 monthly on four of these cases which are located in Kentucky, Louisiana, and Texas. We have also relayed information on about ten of these above-mentioned cases, on which data was obtained, to the Office of the District Attorney for his consideration, as Indictments on these individuals have already been obtained.

"One case dealing with Neglect of Minor Child, was processed in our Court under a comparatively new Chapter (646). Judge Brine, in this case, found the mother of a child (A. D. C. Case) guilty of Neglect and she received a jail sentence of thirty days. The child was adjudicated as being neglected and committed to the Division of Child Guardianship.

"We have also, in certain instances, made arrangements to accept payments here at the Office when it was felt that it would be to our benefit to follow this policy rather than to renew action in our Court. This procedure was followed in cases wherein previous Court action terminated unsatisfactorily.

"We also closed two cases off our A. D. C. rolls on grounds of unfitness, and another also A. D. C. — for failure to cooperate.

"A policy of contacting various Probation Offices requesting their cooperation in notifying this Department in the event of a favorable consideration being given to petitions for the release of a Prisoner, prior to the completion of a jail sentence, has also been of considerable value, as under certain conditions an A. D. C. recipient would not qualify for continuance of benefits when her husband would be no longer incarcerated.

"Similar agreements have also been effectuated with our State Parole Divisions as well as with the State Penal Institutions."

Clerical assistance on a regular basis was made available to the Supervisor of Domestic Relations during the latter months of the year and this advantage greatly expedited his work.

A major improvement redounding to the benefit of this program was the establishment of the Supervisor in an Office of his own where he can interview clients in an atmosphere of privacy (especially important to this delicate work) and where he has independent telephone facilities. The new arrangement is a real advance over the previously existing situation wherein the Supervisor of Domestic Relations shared the Office, furniture and telephone equipment of the A. D. C. Division.

SETTLEMENT DIVISION

This Division was partially reorganized and was amalgamated with the General Relief Division during the latter part of the year. A clerk was assigned exclusively to this phase of the agency's work and another Social Worker was transferred to duty with the Division. A certain measure of progress has been effected as a result of these changes and some inroads made on an enormous backlog of bills, notices and claims. A considerable amount of tedious work remains to be done and we are not wholly satisfied with the present arrangements in respect to personnel and procedures. The situation is under constant review and further changes will be accomplished as circumstances permit.

From the financial viewpoint no aspect of the Agency's activity is more significant than "Settlement" which determines the ultimate fiscal responsibility for assistance granted under the General Relief and Old Age Assistance programs. It is an unfortunate fact that proper emphasis and concentration on the work deteriorated over the years for reasons too numerous to detail, but with results most detrimental to our interests.

Early in the year we were notified that the City of Boston had filed suits against Somerville totalling on their face some \$60,000. While it may be some years before the actual litigation is heard in Court, we immediately assigned a Special Social Worker, Katherine Arvanitis from the Old Age Assistance Staff to an analysis and processing of the allegations in question.

With commendable alacrity Mrs. Arvanitis reviewed all the cases at bar, and as a result, it now appears that the valid claims probably do not exceed \$25,000 since evidence has been amassed that numerous bills presented for care of patients in the Boston City Hospital were already paid by insurance companies, Blue Cross or other interests. Promiscuous billing by the Boston City Hospital (as well as by other hospitals) has long been a cause of concern and unnecessary inconvenience to neighboring welfare departments, and we have addressed a protest to the Board of Trustees of that institution, the claims of which are presented by the Welfare Department of the City of Boston.

During the year the Division processed claims and prepared a series of bill rolls to effectuate the payment of some \$83,605.54 to other municipalities. The sum was compounded of \$32,205.50 for Old Age Assistance and \$51,400.04 for General Relief. As a result of bills sent to other communities, we collected \$66,607.40, comprised of \$45,141.85 for Old Age Assistance, \$18,917.33 for General Relief and \$2,548.22 for City Home cases.

It has somehow or other become circulated abroad as a popular misapprehension that other communities must owe Somerville as much as Somerville owes them, as if the mobility and migration of human beings was regulated by some mechanistic norm. The fact is of course, that indebtedness one way or the other varies unpredictably from year to year and from community to community. Since Somerville remains one of the most congested residential areas in the nation with some 100,000 persons tucked into 4.2 square miles of territory, it is not surprising to find that more Somerville settled individuals find their way to Boston hospitals for example, than persons from the metropolitan center resort to our local facilities.

Illustrative for the time being of the unbalance existing in this respect, is an analysis of Old Age Assistance cases undertaken in December by Mrs. Mary B. Fogarty, Social Worker in charge of O. A. A. Settlement. This examination shows that of the approximately 2032 O. A. A. cases active, some 294 were without local settlement (and therefore chargeable to the State), and 301 recipients have acknowledged settlements in other Cities and Towns. On the other hand, some 444 persons with acknowledged Somerville settlements are now being aided by other communities under the provisions of Chapter 118A of the General Laws (OAA). In addition there are always a few dozen cases awaiting determination of legal settlement.

Comparable figures for the mercurial General Relief program are not available but the volume of cases under all headings is many times greater.

One of the multiplicity of tasks clamoring for attention in reference both to O.A.A. and G.R. is the review of claims and bills carried over from year to year on the Estimated Receipts Schedule which should be abated because they have become defunct by virtue of the statute of limitations, by loss of settlement or by default. The practice of carrying forward these cases annually is not peculiar to Somerville and it should be universally abandoned as providing a false impression of debts due. Locally it is a portion of the combrous legacy of "unfinished business" which we have inherited without gratitude.

MEDICAL CARE COSTS

Medical Care cost the Department well over three quarters of a million dollars in 1955. In fact, the aggregate direct expenditures for this item totalled \$776,442.50.

An analysis of medical costs from various angles provides helpful insight.

First of all, the medical care costs represented some 24 percent of our entire expenditures for assistance which amounted to \$2,791,328.23. This latter figure of course, excludes administrative costs.

Examining the categories we find that of the \$1,831,285.42 spent for assistance by the Old Age Assistance Bureau, approximately 30 percent or \$548,573.32 went for medical care. Of the A.D.C. assistance expenditures of \$477,725.99 on the other hand, but \$40,111.25 or almost exactly 8 percent was consumed for medical care. The contrast is due not only to the age and condition of the clientele but also to the fact that A.D.C. recipients are not allowed physicians of preference, and the salaries of the City Physicians are absorbed in administrative costs. The same principle applies in General Relief (Miscellaneous Welfare) as it is styled, where the \$41,401.67 expended for medical care was equivalent to 20.8 percent of the entire assistance budget of \$199,312.45. In Disability Assistance however, the essential nature of the program is reflected in the fact that \$146,356.26 equalling over 51.1 percent of the assistance outlay of \$283,004.37 was used for medical care.

Looked at from another aspect, the statistics demonstrate that Old Age Assistance which costs 64 percent of all the \$3,010,429.67 expended by the Department in 1955, also used 70 percent of the \$776,442.50 spent for medical care. A.D.C. on the contrary, while using but 5.2 percent of the medical outlay, cost 17.5 percent of the total monies spent. This fact of course, simply documents from the statistical and fiscal viewpoints, the realization that ill health is a comparatively incidental cause of dependency in the A.D.C. program while it is a major precipitating cause of dependency in Old Age. Disability Assistance costs 10.2 per cent of the Department's total budget, but consumed 19 percent of the medical care expenses as might be anticipated. Finally, General Relief costing 8.3 percent of aggregate disbursements utilized 5.8 percent of the total medical expenditures.

Scrutiny of the constituent components of the Medical Care program reveals that 42 percent or \$330,657.51 of the total \$776,442.50 was siphoned off by Nursing Homes, and another 27.6 percent or \$214,264.91 was channelled to hospitals. These two items therefore, Nursing Home care and hospitalization, account for virtually 70 percent of all medical costs.

Drugs or medicines cost the Somerville Welfare Department almost \$100,000 during 1955. The exact sum was \$99,352.52 representing over one-eighth or precisely 12.8 percent of all medical expenditures. Prescriptions accordingly, cost about a third more than the services of physicians who were paid an impressive total of \$64,301.37 which represented approximately 8 percent of aggregate medical costs. The remaining details may be seen in the attached Table.

The costs for medicines show a rise of 15.5 percent over those of the previous year when the figure was \$86,016.09. The disbursement for the services of the Doctors of Medicine however, was considerably higher. In 1954 the costs of such services amounted to \$46,080.50 in contrast to the \$64,301.37 of 1955. Thus, the 1955 expense was 40 percent greater.

In passing, it is worth observing that if to the Nursing Home allocation of \$330,657.51 we add the sum spent for chronic hospital care, we find that \$380,921.89 or approximately 50 percent of the entire cost of medical care, was expended for the institutional care of the chronically ill. While A.D.C. does not subsidize directly the care of the chronically ill, and it is a relatively minor cost in General Relief, it is

noteworthy that the institutionalization of the long-term sick consumed 59 percent of all the medical costs in Disability Assistance and 52.8 percent in Old Age Assistance.

The far-reaching significance of chronic illness to the entire field of public assistance can scarcely be overestimated. The import of the figures showing the cost of prolonged institutionalization is enhanced and supplemented by the fact that a high proportion of the costs for physicians' services, medicines, prosthetic devices and other items are likewise attributable to the chronically ill. Moreover, an analysis of the A.D.C. caseload (which shows no charges to us directly for chronic illness) reveals that 14 percent of all cases are ascribable to the incapacitation of the father. Furthermore, it is apparent that the entire Disability Assistance expenditure is actually for the chronically ill since eligibility is based on "permanent and total disability." Moreover, General Relief bears witness to the effects of chronic illness in the charges incurred for patients at Tewksbury as well as in the costs which result from unemployment traceable to chronic illness.

Since the gross expenditures of the Department in 1955 increased but \$74,001.52 (or 2.5 percent) and the medical care costs mounted \$86,288.08 (or 12.5 percent), it is sound to conclude that assistance expenses would have actually declined somewhat were it not for the winged Caduceus.

THE WELFARE CLINIC

The costs of the Welfare Clinic (located in the Old Police Station at 50 Bow Street) are recapitulated under General Relief and include the salaries of the Staff of City Physicians (3) and the stipends paid the City Dentist as well as the salaries of the nurse and the dental assistant.

A change in the character of the Clinic's traditional function as a dispensary, and confinement of its role to that of a centre for diagnosis and emergency treatment, were reflected in the operating costs for the year. The maintenance expenses declined \$3,828.60 from the \$20,233.36 total of 1954 to \$16,404.76. Of the aggregate expenditures, salaries alone represent 91.1 percent or \$14,949.77.

The principal development during the year was the holding of a Staff Conference of all the Clinic personnel in the General Agent's Office on September 22, 1955. Hours of

duty, official policies, the scope of the program, eligibility requirements for services and a score of related subjects were thoroughly discussed and definitive conclusions reached. All present were later provided with mimeographed copies of the proceedings so that they might have a permanent record for reference.

Among the facts disclosed at the Staff Conference was the need for new equipment and consequently, we purchased and had installed a new sterilizer for the physicians and a dental sterilizer for Dr. Blumsack's use. At our request, the Public Works Department supplied a new three burner electric stove and a dozen chairs for waiting patients.

At the beginning of the year formal instructions were issued to the nurse in charge requiring prior authorization of purchases, by the General Agent, and the policy was inaugurated of procuring necessary supplies in quantity from wholesale drug firms instead of buying minute quantities of needed goods frequently from retail pharmacists

The future of the Clinic and its part in the Department's general medical care program, remains contingent upon a variety of factors and possibilities. A reappraisal of its long-range value and utility may be necessitated in the near future if municipal authorities carry out projected plans to demolish the old building where it is presently quartered.

EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS AND PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS

During the year 1955 the Department acquired some very valuable pieces of equipment including two complete Audio-graph sets (each consisting of a transcriber and a recorder), an electric typewriter, and two five drawer steel filing cabinets. Limitation of usable floor space has suggested to us the advisability of purchasing five drawer instead of the traditional four drawer filing cabinets.

The Public Works Department supplied the filing cases and also a large electric floor fan for the clerical office and an electric desk fan and an electric wall clock for the Old Age Assistance office.

Physical improvements included the installation of storage shelves in the vault of the Social Workers' room and the erection of a partition in the re-located General Relief and

Settlement Office which was formerly the quarters of the Old Age Assistance Division.

But the most significant advancement of all in this area of instrumental aids, was the installation of a new and efficient telephone communications and inter-communications system. The completion of this long overdue requisite for efficient service to the public together with official instructions to the personnel in respect to proper handling of phone calls, have resulted in a notable enhancement of general efficiency and in economy of motion. The expansion of the main switch-board in the central telephone office upstairs has likewise contributed towards the more expeditious handling of calls.

NEEDS

Despite the appreciable progress made during the past two years in respect to expanded quarters and additional equipment, this Department designed to alleviate need, finds itself in need of many things.

The basement in which we are quartered is by no stretch of the imagination, anything approaching as ideal or even good location for the efficient operation of a social service agency. Much of our floor is below ground level and the damp mustiness of the air is almost tangible in the morning when the rooms are first opened. There is obvious need for improved ventilation throughout. There is similarly a real need for scientifically determined lighting fixtures of enhanced calibre and of better type. Hence, we renew here a relevant recommendation contained in our 1954 Annual Report. While it may seem the height of naivete, we think that modern lighting and ventilation would be reflected in a lessening to a degree, of absences due to illnesses or to indisposition.

As we promptly notified the Department of Public Works, the waters of the August 19th flood which inundated the Department because of a defective water spout on the side of the building, caused swelling and sagging of the floor covering on several sites. The main offices need new covering.

The dirt from the ground sifts in through the window cracks as does cold air in the winter, and weather stripping of nearly all the windows is needed.

As we also indicated last year, a storm door or weather stripping of the present door at the rear of the main office is

imperatively needed since the wintry blasts sweeping over the hill assail this portal fiercely during the winter months.

A number of new desks and posture chairs are an unfilled demand which we recorded previously.

From the viewpoint of rational business management we may briefly comment that modern mechanical office equipment could undoubtedly expedite functioning of the Department. An objective analysis is desirable and the availability of adequate funds would be a prerequisite to complete modernization.

PERSONNEL

Except for the promotion of the Supervisor of Old Age Assistance, John J. Griffin, to the post of General Agent on February 15, as aforementioned, there was no alteration in the structure of the Department's permanent Staff, and but comparatively few changes in its composition.

Miss Carolyn F. May resigned as permanent Jr. Clerk Typist effective as of March 14 following the expiration of a six months leave of absence granted her in September 1954. The ensuing vacancy was filled by the appointment of Gloria Mell effective as of May 22, 1955.

Temporary appointments included that of Marie Reardon as Jr. Clerk-Stenographer effective as of March and re-appointed at the termination of her six months employment pending establishment of a Civil Service List for a permanent position; Margaret T. Murray appointed Jr. Clerk Typist for a period extending from March 1 to May 21, 1955.

During the summer vacation season the Department employed two temporary Jr. Clerk Typists: Elizabeth A. Riley from June 19 to August 23, and Patricia A. Hynes from July 3 to Sept. 10.

Mary T. Maguire's temporary appointment as Jr. Clerk-Stenographer expired February 5, 1955.

One of our most esteemed Staff Members, Frances Lewis, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of her entry into the service of the Department in August, and both the Board and the Mayor took cognizance of her excellent record of twenty-five years of conscientious service to the City, in formal letters of testimonial sent to her.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public relations is much more than simply publicity. It is rather the effects which flow from the sum-total of an agency's communications. The effort to build good public relations must not be merely episodic but on the contrary, constant and inherent in the very administration of an agency's program. We have endeavored to make these principles operative in our never-ceasing relationship with the community and its representatives on every level.

Moreover, we have endeavored to enlighten the general public and social groups in the Community about the precise functions, policies and laws which govern our activities. We regard public information and education as official responsibilities. In this respect the use of available media of mass-communication has particular advantages.

During the year we have been especially fortunate in the generous degree of cooperation accorded us by both the Metropolitan and the local press. We owe a special debt of gratitude to the SOMERVILLE JOURNAL, the BOSTON AMERICAN (Somerville Edition) and the BOSTON HERALD.

On three separate occasions, the Boston Sunday Herald published feature articles detailing our views on various aspects of public welfare administration and professional social work. On Sunday August 14, it presented a feature story expressing our observations on the Medical Care Plan and its cost to Somerville. The article quoted extensively from our 1954 Annual Report published shortly before in printed form. On September 11, the Herald featured an interview wherein the General Agent discussed the perpetuation on our statute books of costly obsolete Welfare laws. On December 4, a similar article offering our comments on overlapping agencies and functions was featured.

During the course of the year we wrote a series of articles expressly for the purpose of clarifying certain issues which may have become clouded. The Somerville Journal provided complete coverage for these multi-column articles in the issues of September 22, September 29 and December 15. The first essay explained the reasons behind our annual transfers of money within the departmental accounts, the second detailed the elements contributing to the progressively higher medical costs incurred by the department, and the third elaborated the reasons making it necessary for the Bureau of Old Age Assistance

to prosecute legally liable sons and daughters who defiantly refuse to comply with the provisions of Chapter 118A of the General Laws which require support of needy parents. The Boston American also made the latter release its leading article.

Both the JOURNAL and the AMERICAN carried our news releases of November 3 and December 7. The first pertained to the forthcoming upward adjustment of Old Age Assistance grants to include an item of \$2.50 monthly for transportation (effective Jan. 1, 1956) and the second concerned the right of assistance recipients to move to any community of their choice in the Commonwealth. The latter release was attributable to the numerous inquiries directed to the department due to the expiration of the rent control law and the consequent increase in rentals.

The General Agent was guest speaker on four major occasions during the year including the Lions Club Annual (\$25) Dinner in May, the Tenth Anniversary Banquet of the Public Welfare Employees' Union in April, the regular meeting of the Arlington Rotary Club on October 5 and the opening session of the Somerville Conference of Social Work on October 11. Our remarks on proposed legislation to amend the Contributory Retirement System delivered at the Union banquet, constituted a lead story in the Boston American (April 6) and also received prominent attention in the JOURNAL (April 7).

It should also be set down for the record that statements in our Annual Report for the year 1954 were liberally publicized (after the printed document became available) by the Boston American on June 4 and by the Somerville Journal on June 2.

Apropos the same general subject, it should likewise be mentioned that the RECORD published by the First National Stores carried a feature article on our Board member John J. Conway in its December number, and the Somerville JOURNAL reprinted the same. Under this caption it may also be worth mentioning that the General Agent was unanimously elected Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Massachusetts Public Assistance Administrators Association at an assembly in the Hotel Bancroft, Worcester, in December.

During the year the Agent attended meetings of the M.P.A.A.A. in Fall River, Amherst, West Boylston and Worcester. He also was in attendance at the Northeastern States Regional Conference of the American Public Welfare Association in New York in September and at the Round Table Con-

ference of the A.P.W.A. in Washington, D.C. Nov. 29-Dec. 4. The latter convention marked the Silver Anniversary of the A.P.W.A. and was by far the most excellent national gathering of its kind ever attended by the undersigned.

Reflective of credit on the Department is the fact that early in the year our Medical Care Consultant Dr. Ciro M. Giobbe was named an Associate Fellow in Proctology by the International College of Surgeons.

CUMULATIVE BURDENS

It is not generally realized that over the course of years, the Welfare Department has been a sort of receptacle or if we wish to be more gracious, a receiver general for a host of functions which belong primarily to other Departments but the financial burden of which devolves exclusively and to our mind, improperly on the Welfare Department. Some of these functions are fixed by law or by ordinance, others are attributable to custom.

In referring to this subject we intend no criticism whatsoever of other municipal departments. We are simply raising questions as to the justice, the efficiency and the supposed economy of the conditions now obtaining.

In the first place it has become the duty of the Welfare Department to determine the legal settlement of persons applying for admission through the local Board of Health, to County tuberculosis sanatoria and to perform similar functions in respect to the parents of premature infants whose hospitalization is chargeable to the Health Department. This time-consuming work is done without reimbursement of any kind. Some communities have found it practical to engage a professional Social Worker in the Health Department for the purpose mentioned, and where Health Departments meet the standards for Federal aid such an arrangement is obviously more economical. We think that the Health Department should be self-sufficient in this regard and that local Welfare Boards should be relieved of providing settlement service for the same. The logic of this position can hardly be gainsaid in view of the vast sums of money now being expended for every type of service related to health.

The Welfare Department likewise pays the salaries of the City Physician and his two Associates although these professional men engage in a manifold of unrelated activities. For

example, it is the duty of this Staff to visit policemen and firemen absent from duty and to write reports to the Department Heads about their findings, which do not include physical examinations. During 1955, a total of 80 such calls were made to the homes of policemen and 60 to firemen. The Welfare Department for reasons not readily ascertainable, finances this service without reimbursement, as it also does the services of the City Physicians when they are called upon to examine prisoners held in the Police Station and persons putatively committable to mental hospitals.

For many years now the Welfare Department has been subsidizing the express service which delivers surplus commodities supplied by the U. S. Government to school cafeterias, although the School Department has the most generous budget provisions of all Departments. This anomalous situation cannot in our opinion, be justified.

We have elsewhere alluded to the fact that for too many years the Welfare Department has been providing public assistance for veterans and their dependents who to our mind, should definitely be cared for by the Veterans' Services Department which was established precisely to preclude the pauperization of veterans. Moreover, although recipients of veterans' benefits are by statute given the privilege of physicians of choice, the services of the City Physician and the Welfare Clinic are utilized by them without reimbursement of the Welfare Department. Furthermore, our Department has been compelled to pay costly hospital bills for veterans and their families simply because of the indiscriminate invocation of unrealistic technicalities as a barrier to their receipt of Veterans' Benefits.

It is high time to our way of thinking, that the Welfare Department unshouldered some of the unwelcome accretions which have climbed up its back during the past decades of laissez-faire. When the Annual Budget of this Department is being considered, no one seems to be aware that in more senses than one, we are our brother's keeper.

Another function of the Welfare Department (which is almost entirely unknown to the general public) is that of evaluating and deciding the merits of petitions presented by various civic, fraternal and charitable organizations desiring to conduct "Tag Days." This duty was wished upon the Welfare Department by the provisions of Chapter 101, Section 33 of the General Laws (1921) and requires the Welfare Administrator to

notify the Police Department as well as the petitioner of his determinations.

While we do not consider this statutory demand especially onerous in itself, it is an additional fixed responsibility, another straw on the camel's back. During 1955 permits to hold "Tag Days" were granted 14 different groups.

ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY

The Report which finally issued from the so-called "Organizational and Procedural Study" undertaken by the State Welfare Department at the request of our Board, was received in August 1955. The Study was begun in April 1954.

The principal recommendations of the Study were the establishment of an "Integrated Intake Division", the "integration" of categorical caseloads and the differentiation of the clerical force (integrated a few years ago at the instance of the State Department) into five sections: Medical, Fiscal, Resources, Personnel and General Clerical.

The State Report also advocated broadening the scope of the duties of the Supervisor of Domestic Relations so that cases concerning legally liable relatives in the categories of Old Age Assistance and Disability Assistance would fall within his province. This would isolate this aspect of case work from the regular Social Workers in these two Divisions and concentrate it under the jurisdiction of one person. This recommendation is in diametric opposition to the officially expressed attitude and implementing action of the Department in respect to the social work already allocated to the Supervisor of Domestic Relations (affecting the Aid to Dependent Children and the General Relief Divisions), regarding which the State Department has repeatedly recorded its desire that the activities presently integrated under his headship should be distributed among the other Social Workers. There is obviously therefore, a rather labyrinthine confusion of thought upon the part of the State Department in reference to this area of case work.

Following receipt of the Report, the findings and recommendations respecting each Division were typed and distributed to the respective Supervisors and conferences were arranged in each instance, for review of the material with the State Field Representative Mr. John Grady, whose objectivity, cooperative and understanding counsel proved helpful and

gratifying. A number of minor recommendations contained in the Report pertaining to ways of improving case recording and the development of card controls, were adopted by the Agency.

The Board of Public Welfare, after the members enjoyed an opportunity to study the Report, devoted the full time of a Special Meeting on October 4 to an analytical examination of the contents. In brief, the Board found little that was new or unanticipated in the Report and was satisfied that its feasible suggestions were being utilized. The Board has long debated the merits of the system of caseloads styled "integrated" because of certain problems peculiar to our local organization, and therefore took the proposal under advisement, as it did also the hypothesis that it would be advantageous to segmentalize the clerical staff as outlined.

Only one paragraph in the Report brought the positive condemnation of the Board as being ostensibly inaccurate and our sentiments about this unfortunate intrusion into the script were immediately communicated formally to the District Office of the Department.

CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION

It is utterly impossible to encompass within a scant few pages an adequately comprehensive delineation of the virtual infinitude of acts and events which kept the energies of the Department fully mobilized during the memorable year 1955. Every phase of the Department's ample program was subjected to searching reexamination, frontal attacks were made on a score of perennial handicaps and on every level the accent was placed on the positive. In supplementation therefore, of the skeletal outline etched above under the divers captions we would like to catalogue here in compendious fashion, a plethora of progressive innovations which we confidently trust are but harbingers on the horizon of the future.

1. Complete processing of all assistance rosters through local banks in search for hidden assets. This project resulted in the discovery of several unreported accounts and in the closure of some cases.
2. Solution of the problem of belatedly dated fiscal warrants for medical payrolls about which the State Auditors had repeatedly complained to the City Treasurer. Problem solved promptly upon being drawn to our attention.

3. Speeded refunding procedure whereby cash receipts are deposited on day of receipt with City Treasurer.
4. Time saving payroll procedure whereby checks (unsigned) for assistance recipients are prepared by our Department and relayed to Treasurer for mailing.
5. New personnel time schedule whereby Social Work Supervisors are held responsible for filing of complete weekly reports with Head Clerk each Friday afternoon.
6. New system of authorization whereby Supervisors are extended decisive power thus speeding activation of cases and increasing amount of Federal financial participation.
7. Uniform individual authorization procedure by Social Workers in all Divisions whereby payroll composition is greatly expedited.
8. Revision of fee schedule upwards for billing other Cities and Towns for treatments given by our City Physicians to cases "settled" elsewhere. Designed to increase Department's revenue in accordance with real costs.
9. Authorization received from Secretary of State to destroy obsolete case records after seven years. Authorization sought after State Welfare Department notified us no official policy existed. Purpose is to conserve filing cabinet and floor space.
10. Lump-sum Annual Budget appropriation approval received from Director of Accounts of the Commonwealth whereby local appropriation accounts can be reduced from twelve to three, thus simplifying book-keeping all along the line.
11. Successful tracing and refunding of outstanding checks brought to our attention by State Auditors. We are still attempting as we have for years, to obtain periodic lists of uncashed checks from City Treasurer's Office. However, this is primarily a Treasury matter.
12. New Ordinance requiring automatic sprinkler systems and improved Safety Equipment in Nursing Homes. General Agent helped formulate same in conjunction with five other Department heads.
13. Elimination of extravagant billing for medical supplies by one of the larger Nursing Homes which submitted

to our ultimatum to cease such practices which included charging for nutriments and detergents.

14. Successful insistence that a veteran refused Veteran's Benefits be allowed to appeal and favorable decision by State Commissioner of Veterans' Services. This individual had been on our General Relief rolls for months.
15. Recouping of \$2,392.34 in a Disability Assistance case disallowed by the State Welfare Department which after our clarifying communications rescinded the disallowance decision and reallocated the money to us.
16. An exchange of letters with the Chief engineer of the Fire Department clarifying areas of cooperative action open to our respective Departments.
17. Rotation of Supervisors during vacation season whereby all Divisions have available supervisory consultation and oversight at all times. A similar system defining the succession of authority in the clerical staff was likewise instituted.
18. Successful implementation (with consequent savings to the agency) of the decision elicited from the State Welfare Department in respect to the basic supplies which must be provided by Nursing Homes.
19. Our vigorous protests against two important policies of the State Welfare Department have been sustained in subsequent official pronouncements by the Department. Early in the year we were informed that our practice of paying Nursing Home rates to incorporated charitable institutions would bring adverse action. We immediately communicated our opinion that "Nursing Homes" are defined by statute, and the term cannot be narrowed by administrative rules. A State Letter later upheld this position and the previous policy was rescinded.

More recently, we strongly dissented from the official policy requiring us to pay full hospital rates irrespective of the client's income. State Letter 68K reverses the previous policy in favor of our contention.

20. The printing and binding in booklet form and the wider distribution of our Annual Report has proved a boon to good inter-agency relationships.
21. The centralization of ordering in the hands of the Head Clerk is a much more efficient method than the previous custom of dispersed requisitioning.

22. Insistence on competitive bidding by the approved suppliers has also netted some savings.
23. The introduction of systematic, uniform and detailed statistical reporting by all Divisions has greatly abetted the accumulation of factual material about the Department's operations.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

However desirable such an objective may appear, it is not possible in governmental administration "to start all over" as if from a fresh beginning, no more than it is possible for one generation of the human race to ignore or entirely thrust aside the heritage of both good and evil bequeathed to it by its predecessors, as the foundational point of departure for all of its activities. Despite the modest advances which the Somerville Welfare Department has undoubtedly made during 1955, the ideal of a perfectly functioning organization remains remote and we are acutely aware of the truth. There are certain deeply rooted difficulties intertextured in the very fabric of contemporary municipal government which prosper inefficiency and inequities. Our personnel system itself while obviously far better than the old political "spoils system" of decades ago, has nevertheless intrinsic limitations totally alien to modern business management especially in respect to the recruitment, retention and merited advancement of qualified personnel, and correlatively the sloughing off of non-productive employees. Circumscribed selectivity militates against the recruitment of highly competent staff, as do also unrealistically low salary schedules. Inflexibly rigid classification and wage ratings operate against merited adjustments, and the assumption of absolute job security on the part of employees often works at cross purposes with the common good and maximum effectiveness of an agency. No panacea is available and improvement must necessarily be gradual. The members of the Board of Public Welfare have been an unfailing source of strength and encouragement during the year 1955. To the Board under the gracious and capable Chairmanship of Mrs. J. Helen Clough we owe in no small part, whatever measure of success we have achieved, and we are deeply grateful for its sustained support.

To the newspapers, especially the SOMERVILLE JOURNAL-PRESS, THE BOSTON AMERICAN and the BOSTON SUNDAY HERALD we again offer a word of sincere apprecia-

tion for assisting us in our work of keeping the community informed.

We also acknowledge a debt of gratitude to the civic, fraternal, veterans' and religious organizations which have exhibited a solicitous interest in our needy clientele.

JOHN J. GRIFFIN,

General Agent

February 10, 1956

ANNUAL BUDGET — 1955

	Initial Appropriations	Supplementary Appropriations	Total
Miscellaneous Welfare—			
Personal Services	\$41,522.45	\$	\$41,522.45
Miscellaneous Welfare—			
Ordinary Maintenance	143,812.87	77,000.00	220,812.87
Aid to Dependent Children—			
Personal Services	46,457.46	.....	46,457.46
Aid to Dependent Children—			
Ordinary Maintenance	205,645.21	17,000.00	222,645.21
Old Age Assistance—			
Personal Services	98,101.49	.....	98,101.49
Old Age Assistance—			
Ordinary Maintenance	995,252.13	50,000.00	1,045,252.13
Disability Assistance—			
Personal Services	22,111.97	.....	22,111.97
Disability Assistance—			
Ordinary Maintenance	158,478.79	16,000.00	174,478.79
	<u>\$1,711,382.37</u>	<u>*\$160,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,871,382.37</u>

* Bond Issue

**DETAILED BREAKDOWN SHOWING EXPENDITURES,
RECEIPTS AND NET COST TO THE CITY — 1955****Table No. 1****OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

Ordinary Maintenance	\$1,839,205.70	
Personal Services	87,296.60	
Equipment	1,104.52	
Gross Expenditures		\$1,927,606.82
Refunds	11,235.60	
Recoveries	39,603.30	
Federal Grants (Assistance)	737,623.36	
Federal Grants (Administrative)	48,791.93	
Revenue from Meal Tax	39,753.07	
Cities and Towns	45,141.85	
State Reimbursements	751,581.73	
Total Reimbursements		1,673,730.84
Net Expenditures		<u>\$ 253,875.98</u>

Net Costs equal 13.2% of Gross Expenditures

Table No. 2**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

Ordinary Maintenance	\$480,250.60	
Personal Services	46,712.20	
Gross Expenditures		\$526,962.80

Refunds	24,585.73	
Recoveries	1,780.00	
Federal Grants (Assistance)	206,307.47	
Federal Grants (Administrative)	23,005.80	
State Reimbursements	146,366.83	
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Total Reimbursements		402,045.83
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Net Expenditures		\$124,916.97
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Net Costs equal 23.7 % of Gross Expenditures		

Table No. 3

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Ordinary Maintenance	\$284,686.56	
Personal Services	22,540.02	
Equipment	679.52	
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Gross Expenditures		\$307,906.10
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Refunds	2,143.67	
Recoveries	1,470.39	
Federal Grants (Assistance)	91,192.83	
Federal Grants (Administrative)	12,944.23	
State Reimbursements (Assistance)	115,884.39	
State Reimbursements (Administrative)	6,472.11	
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Total Reimbursements		230,107.62
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Net Expenditures		\$77,798.48
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Net Costs equal 25.2 % of Gross Expenditures		

Table No. 4

MISCELLANEOUS WELFARE

Ordinary Maintenance	\$202,508.18	
Personal Services	45,445.77	
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Gross Expenditures		\$247,953.95
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Refunds	2,887.84	
Cities and Towns	18,917.33	
Commonwealth (Unsettled Cases)	17,832.81	
City Home—Cities and Towns	2,548.22	
City Home—Commonwealth (Unsettled Cases)	79.65	
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Total Reimbursements		42,265.85
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Net Expenditures		\$205,688.10
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Net Costs equal 82.9 % of Gross Expenditures		

Table No. 5
RECAPITULATION

	Gross Expenditures	Percentage of Aggregate Costs	Net Expenditures	Percentage of Total Net Costs
O. A. A.	\$1,927,606.82	64.0 %	\$253,875.98	38.3 %
A. D. C.	526,962.80	17.5 %	124,916.97	18.9 %
D. A.	307,906.10	10.2 %	77,798.48	11.7 %
Misc. Welfare	247,953.95	8.3 %	205,688.10	31.1 %
	<hr/> \$3,010,429.67	<hr/> 100.0 %	<hr/> \$662,279.53	<hr/> 100.0 %

Net Costs represent 22 % of Gross Expenditures

Table No. 6
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF CATEGORICAL DIVISIONS
AND ENTIRE WELFARE DEPARTMENT — 1955

	Gross Expenditures	Administrative Expenditures	Percentage
O. A. A.	\$1,927,606.82	\$96,321.40	5.0 %
A. D. C.	526,962.80	49,236.81	9.3 %
D. A.	307,906.10	24,901.73	8.1 %
Misc. Welfare	247,953.95	48,641.50	19.6 %
Total - Entire Dept.	<hr/> \$3,010,429.67	<hr/> \$219,101.44	<hr/> 7.3 %

Administrative expenses equal 7.3 % of Gross Expenditures

Table A
FEDERAL MONIES RECEIVED FOR CATEGORICAL ASSISTANCE — 1955

Category	Assistance	Administration	Aggregate
Old Age Assistance	\$737,623.36	\$48,791.93	\$786,415.29
Aid to Dependent Children	206,307.47	23,005.80	229,313.27
Disability Assistance	91,192.83	12,944.23	104,137.06
TOTAL	<hr/> \$1,035,123.66	<hr/> \$84,741.96	<hr/> \$1,119,865.62

Table B
INCOME FROM THE COMMONWEALTH — 1955

Type of Assistance	Amount
Old Age Assistance	\$751,581.72
Aid to Dependent Children	146,366.83
Disability Assistance	122,356.50
Old Age Assistance—Meal Tax	39,753.07
General Relief—(Non-Settled Cases)	17,832.81
City Home—(Non-Settled Cases)	79.65
TOTAL	<hr/> \$1,077,970.59

Table C
REFUNDS IN VARIOUS DIVISIONS — 1955

Type of Assistance	Amount
Old Age Assistance	\$11,235.60
Aid to Dependent Children	24,585.73
Disability Assistance	2,143.67
Miscellaneous Welfare	2,887.84
TOTAL	\$40,852.84

Table D
RECOVERIES IN DIFFERENT ASSISTANCE CATEGORIES — 1955

Type of Assistance	Amount
Old Age Assistance	\$39,603.30
Aid to Dependent Children	1,780.00
Disability Assistance	1,470.39
TOTAL	\$42,853.69

Table E
REIMBURSEMENTS FROM OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS — 1955

Type of Assistance	Amount
Old Age Assistance	\$18,917.33
General Relief	45,141.85
City Home	2,548.22
TOTAL	\$66,607.40
DEPARTMENT'S AGGREGATE INCOME	\$2,348,150.14

YEARLY STATISTICAL REPORT ON MEDICAL CARE — 1955

Item	Totals	O.A.A.	A.D.C.	D.A.	G.R.
TOTAL—Amount	\$776,442.50	\$548,573.32	\$40,111.25	\$146,356.26	\$41,401.67
HOSPITALIZATION:					
A. General					
a. Units	10634	6607	625	2141	1261
b. Amount	164,000.53	100,570.66	10,277.81	33,726.72	19,225.34
B. Chronic					
a. Units	7425	1612	.....	4252	1561
b. Amount	50,264.38	11,895.39	.....	31,849.67	6,519.32
PHYSICIANS:					
A. Home Visits					
a. Units	13033	10217	1170	1220	426
b. Amount	46,068.61	39,233.14	2,070.49	3,943.26	821.72
B. Office Visits					
a. Units	7893	4299	1744	775	1075
b. Amount	18,232.76	11,609.15	3,147.96	1,561.00	1,914.65
NURSING HOME CARE:					
a. Recipients	2640	2267	2	365	6
b. Amount	330,657.51	277,702.43	110.00	52,353.76	491.32
DRUGS:					
Amount	99,352.52	69,106.32	9,399.58	14,232.41	6,614.21
DENTAL CARE:					
a. Recipients	832	179	239	20	394
b. Amount	17,715.00	7,435.50	7,783.00	691.00	1,806.00
OUTPATIENT CARE:					
a. Units	3023	1085	726	720	510
b. Amount	6,198.00	2,247.00	1,469.00	1,459.00	1,023.00
EYE CARE:					
a. Recipients	840	538	193	47	62
b. Amount	12,236.20	8,111.00	2,425.20	737.75	962.25
VISITING NURSING ASS'N.:					
a. Units	4098	3047	112	936	3
b. Amount	7,778.08	5,789.80	213.57	1,769.04	5.67
ANCILLARY SERVICES:					
Amount	3,308.00	2,953.00	33.00	231.00	91.00
OTHER:					
Amount	20,630.91	11,919.93	3,181.64	3,601.65	1,927.69

REPORT OF THE CITY PHYSICIAN

January 23, 1956

To the Board of Public Welfare
Somerville, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit the following as the report of the City Physician for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Patients treated at Clinic, January 1, thru December 31, 1955 (Includes Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance, General Relief, Veterans' Services, Recreation Department, Examination for Camp, Vaccinations, and Emergencies.)	5279
Patients treated at home, January 1, thru December 31, 1955 (Includes Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance, General Relief, Veterans' Services, Police and Fire Depts., Prisoners, Commitments to Mental Institutions, and Emergencies.)	2240

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TAVARES, M.D.

City Physician

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CITY PHYSICIAN — 1955**Calls Made at the Clinic**

Aid to Dependent Children	1745
Miscellaneous Welfare (General Relief)	1332
Disability Assistance	602
Old Age Assistance	330
Veterans' Services	30
Recreation Commission	430
Examinations for Camp	700
Vaccinations	110
Total	5279

Home and Other Calls

Aid to Dependent Children	990
Miscellaneous Welfare (General Relief)	410
Disability Assistance	370
Old Age Assistance	296
Veterans' Services	6
Fire Department	60
Police Department	80
Prisoners	18
Commitments to Mental Institutions	10
Total	2240

ANNUAL CHART OF EXPENDITURES FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE SINCE DATE OF ORIGIN — 1931 - 1955

Year	No. of Cases on Jan. 1st	No. of Cases on Dec. 31st	Gross Costs	%	Grants, Reimbursements, Refunds Recoveries	Net Cost To City	Percentage of Gross Costs Represented by Net Costs
1931	14	161	\$13,710.92	.05	.....	\$13,710.92	100.0%
1932	161	308	86,803.88	.38	\$37,528.08	49,275.80	56.8%
1933	321	355	108,297.78	.48	39,897.84	68,399.94	63.3%
1934	355	434	128,777.64	.58	44,255.41	84,522.23	65.6%
1935	434	567	157,985.74	.71	60,633.52	97,352.22	61.6%
1936	567	1009	234,129.58	1.05	144,949.77	89,179.81	38.1%
1937	1025	1220	397,203.74	1.78	265,337.37	131,866.37	33.2%
1938	1241	1363	464,592.63	2.71	368,441.05	96,151.58	20.7%
1939	1363	1527	524,758.50	2.36	415,668.01	109,090.49	20.8%
1940	1527	1569	534,405.27	2.41	444,487.63	89,917.64	16.8%
1941	1569	1606	541,864.00	2.44	459,764.27	82,099.73	15.2%
1942	1574	1492	578,141.50	2.51	496,734.68	81,406.82	14.0%
1943	1470	1396	615,477.63	2.57	516,158.32	99,319.31	16.0%
1944	1393	1344	658,540.37	2.79	551,228.53	107,311.84	16.3%
1945	1314	1357	719,709.88	3.24	627,735.49	91,974.39	12.8%
1946	1357	1616	914,699.75	4.13	724,080.91	190,618.84	20.8%
1947	1616	1796	1,128,792.45	5.09	889,141.71	239,650.74	21.2%
1948	1796	1914	1,341,752.67	6.06	1,088,921.14	252,831.53	18.1%
1949	1918	2170	1,567,412.50	7.08	1,304,093.15	263,319.35	16.8%
1950	2170	2256	1,852,724.61	8.36	1,612,192.84	240,531.77	12.9%
1951	2240	2232	1,831,562.43	8.27	1,710,686.34	120,876.09	7.0%
1952	2224	2124	1,974,867.49	8.91	1,721,304.21	253,563.28	12.9%
1953	2124	2130	1,911,660.44	8.63	1,641,793.94	269,866.50	14.1%
1954	2130	2083	1,929,605.27	8.71	1,639,997.38	289,607.89	15.0%
1955	2083	2032	1,927,606.82	8.70	1,673,730.84	253,875.98	13.2%
TOTALS	.....	.....	22,145,083.49	100.0	18,478,762.43	3,666,721.06	16.6%

ANNUAL CHART OF EXPENDITURES FOR AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN — 1931 - 1955

(Mother's Aid Before 1937)

Year	No. of Cases on Jan. 1st	No. of Cases on Dec. 31st	Gross Costs	Reimbursements, Refunds Recoveries	Net Cost To City	Percentage of Gross Costs Represented by Net Costs
1931	51	49	\$36,291.84	\$9,666.00	\$26,625.84	73.3 %
1932	49	57	39,893.73	10,410.00	29,483.73	73.9 %
1933	57	62	35,205.51	6,225.00	28,980.51	82.3 %
1934	62	63	43,299.38	7,618.00	35,681.38	82.4 %
1935	63	75	54,669.98	9,884.50	44,785.48	81.9 %
1936	75	80	64,279.07	11,166.00	53,113.07	82.6 %
1937	80	127	97,511.63	49,644.49	47,867.14	49.0 %
1938	127	196	145,265.87	60,563.30	84,702.57	58.3 %
1939	200	209	158,930.39	103,741.51	55,188.88	34.7 %
1940	223	225	163,102.51	80,923.10	82,179.41	50.3 %
1941	225	237	171,358.23	83,372.54	87,985.69	51.3 %
1942	227	171	170,298.86	115,291.35	55,007.51	32.3 %
1943	175	134	132,193.20	114,309.31	17,883.89	13.5 %
1944	134	141	135,464.96	76,984.67	58,480.29	43.1 %
1945	142	170	168,787.17	83,543.83	85,243.34	50.5 %
1946	170	202	222,460.87	106,175.52	116,285.35	52.2 %
1947	202	225	276,903.91	156,489.36	120,414.55	43.4 %
1948	225	290	348,429.52	192,383.97	156,045.55	44.8 %
1949	292	375	467,787.67	270,710.17	197,077.50	42.1 %
1950	375	346	533,904.44	378,364.09	155,540.35	29.1 %
1951	348	319	471,820.45	358,562.60	113,257.85	24.4 %
1952	328	318	480,288.45	357,305.35	122,983.10	25.6 %
1953	318	301	456,887.68	372,215.69	84,671.99	18.5 %
1954	301	307	501,500.21	378,830.27	122,669.94	24.4 %
1955	307	307	526,962.80	402,045.83	124,916.97	23.7 %
TOTALS	5,903,498.33	3,796,426.45	2,107,071.88	35.7 %

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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POPULATION AND GROSS EXPENDITURES, 1931 THRU 1955

Year	Population	Welfare	City Home	A. D. C.	O. A. A.	D. A.	Totals
1931	103,604	\$402,742.58	\$13,374.66	\$36,291.84	\$13,710.92	.....	\$466,120.00
1932	104,000	650,893.45	14,983.46	39,893.73	86,803.88	.....	792,574.52
1933	104,000.	594,108.10	13,643.51	35,205.51	108,297.78	.....	751,254.90
1934	104,000	747,993.71	13,499.64	43,299.38	128,777.64	.....	933,570.37
1935	100,773	551,351.15	13,722.16	54,669.98	157,985.74	.....	777,729.03
1936	100,773	897,986.79	15,238.88	64,279.07	234,129.58	.....	1,211,634.32
1937	100,773	924,302.76	16,957.13	97,511.63	397,203.74	.....	1,435,975.26
1938	100,773	875,654.35	16,740.71	145,265.87	464,592.63	.....	1,502,253.56
1939	100,773	842,163.70	16,590.48	158,930.39	524,758.50	.....	1,542,443.07
1940	105,000	769,452.31	17,359.02	163,102.51	534,405.27	.....	1,484,319.11
1941	105,000	446,195.74	16,927.91	171,358.23	541,864.00	.....	1,176,345.88
1942	105,000	349,640.74	17,523.97	170,298.86	578,141.50	.....	1,115,605.07
1943	105,000	195,794.28	19,671.71	132,193.20	615,477.63	.....	963,136.82
1944	105,000	149,427.33	20,757.56	135,464.96	658,540.37	.....	964,190.22
1945	105,882	153,897.81	21,673.44	168,787.17	719,709.88	.....	1,064,068.30
1946	105,882	184,142.24	23,759.40	222,460.87	914,699.75	.....	1,345,062.26
1947	105,882	211,415.73	24,960.46	276,903.91	1,128,792.45	.....	1,642,072.55
1948	105,882	252,167.58	28,297.62	348,429.52	1,341,752.67	.....	1,970,647.39
1949	105,882	359,466.38	30,577.42	467,787.67	1,567,412.50	.....	2,425,243.97
1950	105,882	427,568.68	31,043.35	533,904.44	1,852,724.61	.....	2,845,241.08
1951	105,882	346,393.60	37,314.84	471,820.45	1,831,562.43	\$10,220.82	2,697,312.14
1952	105,882	245,870.75	42,008.75	480,288.45	1,974,867.49	194,839.28	2,937,874.72
1953	105,882	208,292.35	43,303.16	456,887.68	1,911,660.44	257,156.34	2,877,299.97
1954	*102,254	216,902.70	27,385.91	501,500.21	1,929,605.27	261,034.06	2,936,428.15
1955	*102,254	247,953.95	.....	526,962.80	1,927,606.82	307,906.10	3,010,429.67
		\$11,251,778.76	\$537,315.15	\$5,903,498.33	\$22,145,083.49	\$1,031,156.60	\$40,868,832.33

* Federal Census 1950

REIMBURSEMENTS FROM OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS — 1953 - 1955

Year	O. A. A.	Misc. Welfare	City Home	Totals
1953	\$28,704.40	\$9,857.10	\$1,748.15	\$40,309.65
1954	26,503.13	8,168.94	2,611.96	37,284.03
1955	45,141.85	18,917.33	2,548.22	66,607.40

**MONEY RECOVERIES FROM LIENS, ESTATES, INSURANCE
AND OTHER SOURCES — 1953 - 1955**

Year	O. A. A.	A. D. C.	D. A.	Totals
1953	\$9,642.33	\$212.00	\$2,213.74	\$12,068.07
1954	24,506.71	250.00	1,394.72	26,151.43
1955	39,603.30	1,780.00	1,470.39	42,853.69

PAYMENTS TO OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS (1936 - 1955)

Year	Old Age Assistance	Welfare Miscellaneous	Totals
1955	\$32,205.50	\$51,400.04	\$83,605.54
1954	40,477.03	20,504.95	60,981.98
1953	28,761.56	32,266.63	61,028.19
1952	51,902.94	34,610.97	86,513.91
1951	26,534.09	34,009.74	60,543.83
1950	41,132.06	57,025.52	98,157.58
1949	9,132.56	19,243.58	28,376.14
1948	20,511.22	22,434.06	42,945.28
1947	19,732.83	11,669.29	31,402.12
1946	12,930.45	8,771.62	21,702.07
1945	19,388.13	13,773.74	33,161.87
1944	6,384.72	12,539.92	18,924.64
1943	10,477.21	23,634.43	34,112.14
1942	14,288.82	49,530.74	63,819.56
1941	9,140.99	31,349.21	40,490.20
1940	8,740.53	62,240.49	70,981.02
1939	8,472.39	33,708.27	42,180.66
1938	14,193.80	62,214.46	76,408.26
1937	7,653.73	77,978.56	85,632.29
1936	8,551.26	35,011.26	43,562.52

**TRANSFERS OF MONEY WITHIN THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DURING THE YEAR 1955****D. A.**

Sept. 16—Transferred \$13,500.00 from Disability Assistance Personal Services to Disability Assistance Ordinary Maintenance.

Oct. 17—Transferred \$679.52 from Disability Assistance Ordinary Maintenance to D. A. Equipment.

A. D. C.

Sept. 16—Transferred \$22,000.00 from A. D. C. Personal Services to A.D.C. Ordinary Maintenance.

O. A. A.

May 3—Transferred \$425 from O. A. A. Personal Services to O. A. A. Equipment.

- June 1—Transferred \$103.04 from O. A. A. Personal Services to Miscellaneous Welfare Personal Services.
- July 12—Transferred \$350.00 from O. A. A. Personal Services to Miscellaneous Welfare Ordinary Maintenance.
- Sept. 16—Transferred \$50,000.00 from O. A. A. Personal Services to O.A.A. Ordinary Maintenance.
- Sept. 16—Transferred \$5,000.00 from O. A. A. Personal Services to Miscellaneous Welfare Personal Services.
- Nov. 23—Transferred \$679.52 from O. A. A. Ordinary Maintenance to O. A. A. Equipment.

BALANCES IN ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1955

Welfare Miscellaneous Ordinary Maintenance	\$29,212.40*
Disability Assistance Ordinary Maintenance	2,790.54
Disability Assistance Administrative Federal Grant	1,068.68
Aid to Dependent Children Ordinary Maintenance	2,165.64
Aid to Dependent Children Ordinary Maintenance Federal Grant	3,859.33
Aid to Dependent Children Administrative Federal Grant ...	931.70
Old Age Assistance Ordinary Maintenance	12,873.21
Old Age Assistance Administrative Federal Grant	4,169.98
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	\$57,071.48

TO: MUNICIPAL EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT

Miscellaneous Welfare Personal Services	\$1,179.72
Aid to Dependent Children Personal Services	1,185.42
Old Age Assistance Personal Services	3,832.60
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	\$6,197.74

* Of this amount, \$20,000 has been encumbered for the State Department's Division of Child Guardianship bills.

THE RECREATION COMMISSION

1955

THE REVEREND NAZARENO PROPERZI, Chairman

MEMBERS	Term Expires January
Mrs. Marion M. Cabral	1956
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William J. Crotty	1957
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William J. Koen	1956
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Secretary To The Commission: CHARLES C. KELLEY

December 31, 1955

To The Honorable The Mayor And The Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

In presenting for your study its 1955 Annual Report, the Recreation Commission is hesitant as to where to begin. Should it feature the polio epidemic of the past Summer season which affected the attendance at several of the playgrounds, even though the Recreation Commission believes that Somerville's excellent record in this respect is traceable partially to its sustained Summer Playgrounds program which exposed the children to wholesome and healthful activities and surroundings? Or should it feature the further expansion of its program in several directions? Perhaps it should emphasize the continued improvement of Recreation facilities in Somerville? Or perhaps develop the Commission's concern as to whether, despite the high degree of participation in the majority of its activities, the citizens of Somerville as a whole are aware of the recreational opportunities available to them throughout the year? Some of these questions are answered in this report. Others by their mere mention may help to stimulate curiosity and interest, and by this method could very well bring favorable results. All of the questions and their answers warrant mention and deserve consideration.

ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

All phases of the September-to-June program, both as to the activities themselves and the degree of participation, were in keeping with the Commission's customary standards, with the exception of Drama, which has been a major program problem in recent years. Inasmuch as results attained with respect to participation, community response, and attitude on the part of the participants did not justify the continuance of the Community Theatre or Youth Theatre groups, nor warrant the expenditure involved, activities of these two groups have been temporarily suspended. Although the Superintendent is of the opinion that Drama has a definite place in a Community Recreation program, at the same time Drama must be considered in its relation to the over-all program, and its continuance as a part of the program must be justified. At the present time, the continuance of these two Drama groups is not justified for the reasons mentioned. On the other hand, however, it is worthy of note that the Children's Theatre program has continued to be a very successful one, and that the response

to this program has been excellent, both with respect to participation and community support. Each of the three Children's Theatre units, representing three sections of the City, presented public performances in May which were a credit to the activity, the Leaders, and the Commission.

All communities are concerned about Recreation programs for teen-agers, and in this respect Somerville is no exception. This Commission, up to the limit of its resources, is doing everything possible to provide recreational opportunities for the boys and girls in this age bracket. A glance at the list of activities provided through the Commission's program is proof of this statement, and the list includes many activities not commonly a part of a Municipal Recreation program. But perhaps the greatest contribution the Commission makes to the recreational enjoyment of the community is in the 7-to-12-year-old age group. It is safe to say that at least seventy-five per cent of the children in this age bracket are participants in the Commission's programs in some form **throughout the year**, and these youngsters are given opportunities for voluntary expression through Arts And Crafts, Model Aircraft, Children's Theatre, and other programs that could very well determine their future vocations. In any event, these programs are bound in various degrees to shape the lives of the child participants in future years.

In the Adult Softball Leagues, both American and National Leagues enjoyed a successful season, despite a rainy Spring which required rescheduling of forty-four games. Somerville acted as Host City for the Metropolitan Boston Softball Tournament in August. Although none of the eight Somerville entrants survived beyond the second round, and despite several postponements because of torrential rain which resulted in the transfer of the final game in Class A to Quincy, the Tournament was very successful, and large throngs attended the games at Trum Field, Glen Street, and Lincoln Park.

During the first part of 1955 the Adult Bowling Leagues found sixteen teams completing a twenty-eight weeks season in two Leagues that had been graded according to ability. In the American League, which comprised teams of bowlers with outstanding ability, the Ball Square team proved to be the best team, winning the championship over the Logan Post, a previous winner. In the National League, six teams battled throughout the season, with the final outcome always in doubt. In the closing weeks of the season, the Seven Oaks team held the lead, winning over the Driscoll, Pickett A.C. and Virgie's teams.

Meanwhile, the Municipal Basketball League enjoyed one of its best seasons of play. St. Joseph's and D.A.V. battled right down to the wire, with D.A.V. winning the League championship. Six of the eight teams entered in the League contended for the play-off berths until the final night, when two of them lost out by the narrowest of margins.

The Junior Municipal Basketball League, for boys between the ages of sixteen and nineteen, had a good season, with a very close race between three excellent teams. The winner proved to be the Berry A.C. over the powerful St. James Episcopal Church team. Entered in this League were six teams representing nearly every area of the City. The limiting of the League to six teams was due in part to the unavailability of gymnasiums and the fact that playing more than three games in an evening would be difficult.

Interest in the outdoor Twilight Basketball League proved to be the greatest in the five year history of the League. Two Divisions of eight and six teams played on the courts at Trum Field and Shaw Playground, drawing large crowds of spectators each evening.

In the eight-club Eastern Division, the teams were not limited by age, since it was felt that to allow older players would increase the interest in the League. This proved to be sound judgment, and each night found more than one hundred spectators watching the proceedings. St. Joseph's team was the winner of this Division, but the competition throughout the season was good.

In the six-team Western Division, which consisted of players under twenty years of age, the competition was good, though one team was dropped from the League due to a forfeit. Unfortunately, this team had been the winner of the first half of the schedule. The winner of this Division was the Comet team.

The lighting at Richard Trum Field proved adequate for the playing of these games and received favorable comment from the City Fathers as an investment well worth the cost. Spectators saw some excellent games, as well as many outstanding future college stars. The number of schools and colleges around Boston desiring to place teams in this League was surprising. All seem to feel that it is an excellent method for grooming their teams for the following year. However, the

primary purpose of this League still remains to provide a program for teen-agers of the 16-through-19-year-old age bracket.

Other accomplishments of the past year include the Commission's participation in the Home Modernization Show conducted by the Somerville Chamber of Commerce in June. For this show the Recreation Commission provided a booth, under sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club of Somerville, which consisted of a display of Arts And Crafts projects made by the Commission's personnel and its Arts And Crafts groups. The display received many complimentary comments, and as a result, seventy-five persons were registered who indicated their interest in the Adult Arts And Crafts Club, and nearly half of these are present members of this group.



NOW ISN'T THAT SOMETHING !

Or words to that effect as three civic leaders get a first-hand look at the Recreation Commission's Arts and Crafts Exhibit during the 1955 Chamber of Commerce Home Modernization Show at the High School Gym. The Recreation Commission personnel includes June DeCoursey and Josephine Fierro, while doing the admiring are Graydon Toothaker, Thomas Russell and Joseph McHugh, all three of whom are leading lights in both the Kiwanis Club and The Chamber of Commerce.

SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

The 1955 Summer Playgrounds season will long be remembered as a most taxing one on the entire staff. Every effort had been made to provide programs adaptable to an

extensive spell of hot weather, with emphasis on quiet games involving little or no action, handcraft, story-telling, and a variety of bathing opportunities. However, the play surfaces of Somerville are hardly conducive, despite program and excellent leadership, to maintain continuous attraction when the temperature on twenty-seven days out of a two-months period is recorded at ninety-plus degrees. It is to the credit of both the full-time and part-time staffs that the program was as successful as it was. Additionally, the threat of polio made inroads on the attendance at certain areas, especially in the western section of the City. As a final blow, the excessive and continuous rain brought about by Hurricane Diane caused the postponement of a number of major demonstrations during the final week of the season and resulted in several events being crowded into the closing few days.

The usual problem of enlisting qualified male personnel again presented itself this year. However, the entire staff, with one exception, was completed prior to the opening of the Summer season, and the calibre of the work performed by all, despite the extreme weather conditions mentioned, is deserving of commendation. There was a greater than usual amount of absence of workers due to sickness and injury during the Summer, and this necessitated the transfer of workers from various units frequently throughout the season.

Three new playgrounds were introduced to the children in three sections of the City this Summer. Two of the three areas (Florence St. and North St.) fall within the category of play lots; i.e., areas whose limited dimensions restrict the extent of organized play, while the program at the third area (Mystic Ave. Housing Project) was conducted on a space normally used for automobile parking. All three playgrounds were well attended, and whatever success they enjoyed is traceable almost exclusively to the leaders assigned to those units. The Mystic Ave. Housing Project area replaced the Marchi Playground (now the site of the Healey School) and was totally devoid of any type of apparatus. Trees at any of the above areas, as well as at a number of others, certainly would have provided some shade and reduced the extreme heat from the sun's rays during the Summer season.

"Bicycle Safety Week" was conducted again in July, with the assistance of the Somerville Police Department, the Massachusetts Safety Council, and the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The program was sponsored by the Exchange Club, the junior member of the Service Clubs of Somerville, and this group has given evidence of its satisfaction with the results by offering to sponsor the activity again next year.

The Inter-Playground Athletic Meet enjoyed its customary success, and established a new high in participation with 211 boys entered in the various events. The Maintenance personnel's contribution to the success of the Athletic Meet is especially deserving of mention. Their interest in insuring that the appearance of Trum Field on this occasion left nothing to be desired, was indicative of their spirit of co-operation throughout the season.



JUST A FAMILY HABIT

The three Brady brothers, William, James and Edward, representing Class B, Class C, and Class A respectively, came off the Lincoln Playground track in the Summer of 1955 with practically every medal there was to win. And they lost no time in annexing a few awards at the Inter-Playground Meet in August. The appearance of their names in the books during one season sets a new record for family participation in Recreation Commission activities.

A new experiment was attempted this year with respect to the final demonstration of the season, by conducting a series of "Sectional" Play Days on five days, at five different areas, with an average participation of five playgrounds. This method

of dividing the playgrounds into sectional groups instead of assembling the children all together at one location, thereby eliminating possible danger to the health of the children through new contacts, proved to be a judicious one in view of the serious polio situation. It is difficult to determine the success of this experiment in general as the deluge of the final week necessitated the postponement of three of the five "Sectional" Play Days, with one being postponed twice, and two others having to be conducted on the same afternoon. It is believed, however, that there was an increase in the number of child participants and spectators as a result of this experiment. As to the merit of this type of arrangement for the future, it is difficult to say in view of the unusual conditions under which it was conducted this season.

One of the features of the "Sectional" Play Days was the "Vehicles Parade" conducted at each of the five locations; and despite the usual problems which accompany this type of activity, a total of 375 vehicles were entered from the twenty-six playgrounds, which should give a good indication of how well this special feature was received. Prizes were awarded for the best decorated carriages, carts or scooters, bicycles, and tricycles, and the judges were enthusiastic in their praise of the decorative work done by the children.

Because many of our Summer Playground areas (including all athletic units except Glen Street) are located on main arteries, and in some instances totally surrounded by them, the Superintendent has long been concerned about the terrific potential of serious accidents occurring while the children travel to and from the playgrounds. Extra caution in this respect was emphasized as a primary objective for all members of the staff at the opening meeting of the season. The Superintendent had recommended the closing of Fellsway West at Foss Park during hours of playground sessions, and this recommendation was accomplished early in the Summer season through the continued co-operation of Captain William McCarthy of the Metropolitan District Commission. Additionally, with the assistance of Safety Officer William Kelley, several dangerous hazards to the safety of the children were eliminated, and the results were most encouraging. A new low in accidents occurring on the playgrounds was reached this season. Only seventeen accidents in all were reported, and not one of these could be regarded as serious; i.e., involving a break or fracture — an excellent record when an aggregate participation of 165,064 children is taken into consideration.

NEW PROGRAMS

The Recreation Program For Trainable Retarded Children, as a result of the Commission's experimental program during the Spring months, was continued at the Forster Playground during the Summer season. Although the participation was not as extensive as had been hoped, due to illness of the children and the extreme weather conditions mentioned previously, nevertheless the average daily attendance of eight children during the thirty-eight days of play indicates that continued consideration should be given to this program in the future. Arrangements were made by the Superintendent for the daily delivery of milk by a local concern, and cookies were solicited from a neighborhood chain store. Following a conference between the Superintendent and a manufacturer of playground apparatus, a special swing and frame, adaptable to the particular type of children served through this program, was designed and installed at the Forster Playground, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A sand box with a shade was purchased also, and proved very successful. During the closing days of the season a picnic for the children was held at Waverley Oaks.

About the only program which has gained momentum in various communities throughout the country in recent years that the Somerville Recreation Commission does not conduct at present is one for its Senior Citizens; i.e., persons over sixty years of age, of whom Somerville has 6,521 men and 8,241 women. This Commission has long been conscious of the need for such a program, and the fact that there is not one in operation today is due largely to the matter of personnel, facilities, and the potential number of persons in the City who would participate in this type of program. In recent months the Commission has been conducting a survey as to the respective locations of persons in this City who are sixty years of age and over, to determine what sections of the City are most in need of such a program. A study has also been made as to what might be the best type of program to offer these Senior Citizens. Regardless of the extent of the program, a "must" is proper facilities. And the facilities for this type of activity are of such a nature that they must be readily accessible; i.e., not surrounded by hills or requiring the climbing of stairs; and including proper toilet facilities and separate rooms so that several activities can be conducted at the same time; and, if possible, kitchen facilities for serving hot lunches or refreshments. In order to start this program even as a pilot project, a building containing many of the above-mentioned characteristics will be necessary. At the present time there is a building

available on College Avenue in West Somerville which could not only very well be used for this purpose but for other Recreation purposes as well.

Since the subject of Juvenile Delinquency was developed at length in the Commission's 1953 Annual Report, mention is made now only of the fact that the Commission believes that any youth who is directed towards good will seldom turn out to be bad, and for this reason it is attempting within the limits of its resources, personnel, and facilities to provide varied programs for all teen-agers. The records prove that many potential delinquents and pre-delinquents are absorbed in these programs. At the same time the Commission is aware that nobody (adult, youth, or child) can be forced to participate in a Recreation program, and that in many instances opportunities for good, wholesome fun have no appeal to a youth who is otherwise inclined. The Recreation Commission will continue to do its part, but it will also continue to solicit the co-operation and assistance of parents, churches, and schools in its attempts to guide Somerville's youth towards good.

Joseph Lee, "The Father of the American Playground" and one of the pioneers in the Recreation Movement, in the widest scope of his vision could never have dreamed of the extent of the Recreation program in the mid-twentieth century. Over and above the normal demands on public Recreation agencies which are attempting to provide a balanced year-round Recreation program for all, there are further demands today with respect to providing Recreation activities in certain directions that prior to the short space of ten years ago were unheard of. Witness the recognition being given to the needs for Recreation programs for Senior Citizens, for Retarded Children, and for families residing in Veterans or Low Rental Housing Projects. Already this Commission is providing in various degrees organized Recreation programs for Trainable Retarded Children and for children in the Housing Projects. As for a program for Senior Citizens, mention has been made in a previous paragraph of this report of the Commission's intentions in this respect. And to think that as recently as 1909 Somerville's entire Recreation program consisted only of a Summer Playgrounds program at City Field and Lincoln Park, and even that was under the private auspices of a group of public-spirited citizens!

But even though the local Recreation program is considerably removed from what it was in 1909, or even 1939, the question of how to make the public more aware of the Recrea-

tion opportunities available to it, as well as the Commission's problems (which are actually the community's problems), or of the loyalty, devotion, and tireless effort being expended by a capable handful, continues to be an enigma. By means of print, picture, and participants, the Superintendent has attempted to inform the public fully as to its Municipal Recreation program,



CONGRATULATIONS, SOPHIE, FROM GRANT'S

Sophie Demopoulos of the Brown Playground steps up to receive her first prize from Mr. Thompson, store manager of W. T. Grant Co. after the big 1955 Halloween Masquerade Party there. Others are Caroline Morgan and Dorothy Coulter. The Grant's store annually affords its premises for our Recreation Commission parade and displays a commendable civic attitude toward the city's youth.

but the results have not been in proportion to the efforts expended.

Work on the Commission's motion picture film, "Municipal Recreation In Somerville", is still continuing, and the film has now been extended to 1450 feet, including ten new scenes. Further extension of the film will be made within the month. All who have seen it are loud in their praise of the film, and marvel at the extent of the Commission's program; but nevertheless the public at large still thinks of Recreation in terms of its 1930 program, or at best is concerned with it only in its relation to themselves or theirs. Recreation will take its proper and deserved place in the community only when the people realize the recreational opportunities available to them.

PERSONNEL

Related to the extension of the program mentioned above is, of course, the problem of qualified personnel. Already in several directions it is difficult to find the proper persons with available time to fit the assignments, and the qualified part-time workers have been extended as much as possible. The same applies to the full-time personnel. In the past year two members of the full-time staff have resigned, one to accept a position in the Somerville School system, the other having moved to another state. Neither vacancy has been filled to date. All of the other members of the staff, in various degrees, are performing their duties to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. Since our program is a continuous one throughout the year, the demands on all personnel are extensive. There is never an opportunity for a respite, and each incident of sickness or vacancy results in an already overtaxed staff carrying the extra load resulting from the sickness or vacancy. Perhaps some day the people of Somerville will recognize that their Recreation program is not confined to Summer Playgrounds, is not merely an athletic one, nor is it a program of Recreation just for children. When they do, perhaps they will appreciate what a conscientious corps of workers is accomplishing for the recreational welfare of Somerville, and realize that within our staff of present and past workers there are persons who could very well qualify for the role of a Mr. Chips in the field of Recreation.

A glance at the list of activities on the page appended to this report should be cause for reflection and study. When one considers the number of persons served by these activities, the work involved with respect to the planning, organization,

and conduct of the respective programs, and in arranging for facilities wherein to operate, as well as the potential **for good** to the community; one might better understand the multiple demands on the respective members of the full-time and part-time staffs, and why so much emphasis is placed on qualifications, and also why organized Recreation takes its place along with religion and education as one of the greatest forces for good in the community. Unfortunately, unlike a physical structure which is there for all to see and touch, Recreation is an intangible, and its value to the community is present without the citizens themselves many times being aware of its extent.

FACILITIES

With improved lighting facilities, installation of a new heating system, and other improvements in the quarters at the rear of 50 Bow Street, increased use of this building is now being made by the various Recreation groups. Present uses include weekly sessions of the Adult Arts And Crafts Club; work sessions, rehearsals, and committee meetings of Girls' and Boys' Club groups; and extensive use by the Arts And Crafts personnel in preparation for their programs. After the first of the year the Chess Club will also meet in this building.

Through the co-operation of the Progress Society Building Association on Somerville Avenue, the Recreation Commission now has the use of the Association's quarters for weekly sessions of one of its Arts And Crafts Clubs and for a new Girls' Club group. Additionally, it is expected that afternoon and possibly evening programs will be conducted in the new Healey School building on Meacham Street beginning early in 1956. The other two new school buildings will provide facilities for Recreation use in various degrees when completed.

Within the past month, work has been started at Foss Park to bring about desired recreational improvements at this area, and if the preliminary plans become a reality, this will be another step forward in the accomplishment of the Commission's efforts for improved recreational facilities, as the preliminary plans are almost **in toto** the recommendations of the Superintendent of Recreation.

Concerted and repeated efforts in every direction have been made during the past eight months to locate one of the proposed new artificial Ice Skating Rinks, which are to be con-

structed by the Metropolitan District Commission within the next year, either in Somerville or in the vicinity of Somerville.

Continued efforts will be made to improve existing facilities wherever possible and to initiate the establishment of new areas. As a result of the Commission's previous recommendations it is expected that there will be a new playground established in 1956 on the site of the old Highland Railroad Station on Lexington Avenue opposite the end of Hancock Street.

Within the past year the Superintendent has made several attempts to obtain authorization for use by the Recreation Commission, at no cost to the City, of the State Armory on Highland Avenue, but without success.

Somerville is perhaps the only city of its size throughout the country that does not have some type of public building devoted exclusively to the conduct of its Recreation programs, and there is a long-felt need for such a building. In fact, the Recreation Commission has been urging over a period of years now that this City acquire such a building.

Despite the reputed excellence of the Recreation Commission's program, it is handicapped in many respects by the extent and condition of its facilities. Improvement and expansion of Recreation facilities will not only result in a more successful Recreation program, but also in more extensive use of these facilities for Recreation purposes by the citizens of Somerville during periods when they are not being used by participants in the Commission's programs.

If the people of Somerville as a whole would realize not only the extent of the recreational opportunities available to them throughout the year but also what is needed for their own recreational welfare, they would regard whatever the Recreation Commission is doing to bring about expansion and development of Recreation facilities as their own concern, and would take a more active interest in helping to bring about the accomplishment of improved facilities which are immediately necessary to the continued success of the Commission's programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Recreation Commission respectfully submits herewith a series of recommendations for further improvement of Recreation facilities in Somerville, in consideration of present

needs and looking to the future of the Recreation Service:—

- 1) Completion of the Conway Playground, including raising the fence on the Park Street side, establishing a new diamond with backstop on the Bleachery Court side, repairing benches, providing bleachers, and hot-topping the area adjacent to the present spray pool.
- 2) Complete resurfacing of Shaw Playground. In its present state it is of limited value, and the Commission is constantly receiving complaints as to its undesirable condition.
- 3) Removal of the unused swing frames not only at Shaw, but also at Woods Playground, and the utilization of these areas for other purposes.
- 4) Planting of trees at a number of play areas — especially those established during the past several years — including Florence St., Houley, Hoyt-Sullivan, North St., Stone Place, and Woodstock St. The heat of the past Summer was especially felt at these areas.
- 5) The general repair of benches at all parks.
- 6) Establishment of spray pools at both the Hoyt-Sullivan Playground on Central Street and the Stone Place Playground located in the rear of the Police Station. This would not only have recreational benefits for both of these areas but would also eliminate the safety hazards and other problems resulting from the present use of hydrant sprays at both of these units.
- 7) Establishment of a multi-use area at Hoyt-Sullivan Playground.
- 8) Completion within the year of the present area at Lincoln Park, on the site of the lighted basketball courts. A multi-use area here, similar to the one at Trum Field, will result in many recreational benefits.
- 9) Establishment of a multi-use area at Glen Street Playground, in the neighborhood of Palmer Avenue.

- 10) On all areas where ice skating is authorized, some inexpensive form of lighting so that these areas may be used more extensively in the early hours of the evening.
- 11) Increased lighting facilities on the multi-use area at Trum Field.
- 12) Heightening of the fence on the Cedar Street side of Trum Field, and the extension of the overhanging backstop on the same side.
- 13) Replacing the metal storage place at the Albion Street Playground with a new one similar to the one at Conway Playground.
- 14) The advisability of providing in certain areas the controlled type of bubbler which is also more sanitary than the present type. (This should eliminate the constant flow of water and the resultant abuses, as well as the drainage problems involved in some cases.)
- 15) Development for play purposes of the area located on Lexington Avenue opposite the end of Hancock Street, formerly the site of the Highland Railroad Station.
- 16) Joint co-operation between the Public Works Department and the Recreation Commission to bring about authority from the George Dilboy Post for the development as a playground of the previously offered part of the area in the rear of the Post quarters now used for parking.
- 17) Inasmuch as the responsibility for the development for play purposes of any available land in a State Housing Project belongs to the community in which it is located, it is recommended that the area adjacent to the parking lot at the Mystic Avenue Housing Project be developed for such purposes.
- 18) Establishment of a multi-use area at the Woods Playground, on the site of the present basketball area. (It has been recommended recently that this particular site be named after a World War II hero, Lawrence J. Gatto.)

- 19) Scraping of all gymnasium floors and proper repainting of them in a manner best suited to accomplish their intended purpose.
- 20) Re-flooring of the combined Gymnasium and Auditorium at the Northeastern Junior High School.

In closing, the Commission gratefully acknowledges the co-operation during 1955 of His Honor The Mayor; the Board of Aldermen; the Department of Public Works, including the Engineering, Public Buildings, and Electrical Divisions; the Fire and Police Departments; and the Metropolitan District Commission; and acknowledges especially the co-operation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Masters of the Senior High and Junior High Schools, and the Supervising Principals and Teachers of the Elementary Schools.

Acknowledgment is made also to the various churches and members of the clergy, and to Veteran, Service, and Social organizations of the City for their co-operation during the past year.

Appended to this Report is the Financial Summary for the year 1955 and a list of Activities Under The Recreation Commission.

Respectfully submitted by

THE RECREATION COMMISSION, BY
REV. N. PROPERZI,
Chairman

City of Somerville, Recreation Commission

FINANCIAL SUMMARY, 1955

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (March 23)	\$89,388.63	
TRANSFERS TO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Oct. 20) ..	1,000.00	
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	\$88,388.63	
TRANSFER TO AUDITOR'S PENSION ACCOUNT (Dec. 13)	600.00	
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	\$87,788.63	
EXPENDITURES:		
Salaries and Wages	\$77,264.04	
Athletic Supplies	2,154.96	
Playground Supplies, Paraphernalia, etc. ..	1,667.48	
Other Recreation Supplies	1,956.97	
Printing, Planographing, etc.	253.06	
Rental of Equipment, Trucks, Buses, etc. ..	138.06	
Music Scores, Records, etc.	21.43	
Office Supplies	381.77	
Telephone	503.48	
Postage, Parcel Post, and Express	198.78	
Repairs	307.86	
Photographic Services and Supplies	246.83	
Special Services	40.10	
Maintenance of Vehicles	541.31	
Automobile Allowance	350.00	
Books and Pamphlets for Workers' Profes-		
sional Improvement	16.95	
Carfares for Itinerant & Volunteer Workers	51.02	
Other Personal Disbursements	16.74	
Convention Expenses	41.50	
Special Items:		
Portable Chairs	699.07	
Basketball Sets	242.00	
Swing Sets and Accessories	207.36	
Electric Typewriter	395.00	
All Other	81.60	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$87,777.37	\$87,777.37
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UNEXPENDED BALANCE		\$ 11.26

ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION — 1955

Recreation Activity	No. of Units	Age Group	Location	Season
Summer Playgrounds	28	Under 16	Pldgs. & School Grounds	July-Aug.
Saturday Playgrounds	16	Under 11	Pldgs. & School Grounds	Sept.-Dec.
Saturday Indoor Centers	9	Under 11	School Bldgs.	Mar.-June
Boys' Clubs	6	11-19	School Bldgs.	Jan.-Mar.
Girls' Clubs	6	11-18	School Bldgs.	Sept.-June
Chess Club	1	11-19	Public Bldg.	Sept.-June
Afternoon Supervised Athletics	4	9-16	Parks & Pldgs.	Oct.-May
Baseball "Clinic" for Boys	1	9-16	Parks & Pldgs.	Sept.-Dec.
Arts and Crafts Club	1	Adult	School Bldg.	Apr.-June
Arts and Crafts Clubs (Boy-Girl)	5	8-15	School Bldgs.	June
Community Theatre	1	Adult	School Bldg.	Oct.-May
Youth Theatre	1	12-15	School Bldg.	Oct.-May
Children's Theatre	3	8-12	School Bldgs.	Sept.-May
Story-Telling Program	1	Under 11	Public Library	Sept.-May
Community Recreation Chorus	1	Adult	School Bldg.	Jan.-Apr.
Junior Recreation Chorus	1	12-18	School Bldg.	Oct.-Dec.
"Fiscal Fitness" Clubs (Boys)	3	12-16	School Bldg.	Oct.-May
Model Aircraft Clubs	3	10-16	School Bldgs.	Oct.-Apr.
Bicycle Club	1	11-16	Out-of-doors	Oct.-Apr.
Gymnasium Activities for Men	1	Adult	School Bldg.	Sept.-June
Gymnasium Activities for Women	1	Adult	School Bldg.	Oct.-Apr.
Leagues for Boys:				
Basketball	15 teams	12-19	School Bldgs.	Oct.-Apr.
Twilight Basketball (Outdoor)	6 teams	16-20	School Grounds	Dec.-Apr.
Leagues for Men:				
Basketball	8 teams	Adult	School Bldgs.	May-July
Bowling	16 teams	Adult	Public Alleys	Nov.-Mar.
Softball	16 teams	Adult	Parks & Pldgs.	Sept.-Apr.
Twilight Basketball (Outdoor)	8 teams	Adult	Playground	Apr.-Sept.
Program for "Shut-Ins"	1	Under 14	Somerville Hospital	May-July
				Year-round

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

January 5, 1956

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the following, which is a summary of the work of the department for the year 1955 as the Seventy-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Health.

RECORD OF LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

SLAUGHTER POULTRY — Four applications for a permit to slaughter poultry under the provisions of Section 139A of Chapter 679 of the General Laws were received. All were granted.

MELT AND RENDER — Three licenses to carry on the business of melting and rendering were granted.

COLLECT GREASE — Thirteen applications for a permit to collect grease were received and all were granted.

MASSAGE — Fourteen persons were licensed to practice massage.

BOTTLING CARBONATED BEVERAGES — Five licenses to engage in the business of bottling carbonated beverages, soda waters and mineral spring water were granted. A fee of twenty dollars is charged for each license, ten of which is paid to the Commonwealth.

CONVALESCENT HOMES — In accordance with Sections 71 to 73 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, ten applications for licenses to operate Convalescent or Nursing Homes or

Boarding Homes for the Aged were approved and forwarded to the State Department of Public Health for licensure.

MORTALITY

There were 789 deaths and 21 stillbirths during the year, as specified in the following tables:

Deaths at the Central Hospital	64
Deaths at the Somerville Hospital	199
Deaths at the Home for Aged Poor (Highland Ave.)	37
Deaths at Other Institutions	106

DEATHS BY AGES

	Male	Female	Total
Under one year	11	10	21
One to five years	3	0	3
Five to ten years	0	0	0
Ten to fifteen years	0	0	0
Fifteen to twenty years	0	2	2
Twenty to thirty years	0	1	1
Thirty to forty years	3	5	8
Forty to fifty years	19	13	32
Fifty to sixty years	64	28	92
Sixty to seventy years	84	71	155
Seventy to eighty years	127	144	271
Eighty to ninety years	60	109	169
Over ninety	7	28	35
Totals	378	411	789

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
1. Infectious and Parasitic Diseases .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
2. Cancer and Other Tumors	10	10	13	9	6	6	10	7	9	8	11	9	108
3. Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition, Etc. ....	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
4. Diseases of Blood Forming Organs .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
5. Chronic Poisoning and Intoxication .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	8	7	16	7	4	10	5	8	6	4	9	14	98
7. Diseases of the Circulatory System	38	43	44	31	33	37	32	24	28	35	30	39	414
8. Diseases of the Respiratory System	3	3	11	7	4	4	9	4	3	7	7	8	70
9. Diseases of the Digestive System	4	1	2	...	1	...	2	1	1	4	2	4	22
10. Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System	1	2	2	4	3	3	3	...	2	1	3	...	24
11. Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth, Etc. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
12. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Diseases of the Bones and Organs of Movement .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. Congenital Malformations	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Diseases Peculiar to First Year of Life	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	2	3	1	...	13
16. Senility .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
17. Violent or Accidental	3	1	1	...	4	1	5	2	1	3	3	...	24
18. Ill Defined and Unknown Causes .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	4
Totals	70	70	90	60	58	63	66	48	53	66	66	79	789

DEATHS DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS

1946	874	8.25
1947	841	7.94
1948	941	8.88
1949	847	7.99
1950	828	7.88
1951	868	8.48
1952	806	7.88
1953	779	7.63
1954	760	7.43
1955	789	8.19
Average death rate per 1,000 for ten years..		8.06

SPECIMENS AND SUPPLIES

Outfits for specimens to be examined for tuberculosis, diphtheria and typhoid fever, as well as biologicals may be obtained at the office of the Board of Health, City Hall and at the following places:

Reed Drug Co., Inc., Davis Square
 Ernest M. Vose, 310 Broadway
 Union Square Pharmacy, 23 Union Square
 McClure's Pharmacy, Magoun Square
 Lepore Pharmacy, 725 Broadway

INSPECTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Eight physicians are employed by the Board of Health for Inspection of School Children and to them are referred all children who show evidence of disease or abnormal condition. Children who are found unfit to remain in school are sent home with a notice to the parent or guardian that the family physician should be consulted.

Children in the first and fourth grades of the elementary schools and those in the first year of junior high and first year of senior high school are examined annually and any defects discovered are called to the attention of the parents or guardians.

In accordance with the provisions of the statutes, tests of sight and hearing are made by principals and teachers.

Monthly inspections of the school buildings and premises are made and suggestions or criticisms are referred to the proper authorities. Every effort is made to protect the health

of the children and to cooperate with the parents in keeping the children in as normal a condition as possible.

Following are the School physicians and the schools under their jurisdiction:

District One

Philip Bloom, M.D. 57 Cross Street
Prescott, Hanscom, Dickerman and Edgerly Schools

District Two

David F. O'Brien, M.D. 44 Summer Street
Southern Junior High and St. Joseph's Schools

District Three

Emil Goduti, M.D. 434 Broadway
Senior High, Cummings, Proctor and St. Ann's Schools

District Four

Benjamin Blesoff, M.D. 333 Highland Avenue
Morse, Carr, Durell, Burns and Cholerton Schools

District Five

Benjamin Russman, M.D. 33 Curtis Street
Cutler, Hodgkins, Lowe and Western Junior High Schools

District Six

Joseph Scaringi, M.D. 66 Curtis Street
Bingham, Brown, Forster and Northeastern Junior High Schools

District Seven

Anthony Russo, M.D. 2 Austin Street
Glines, Grimmons, St. Benedict's and St. Polycarp's Schools

District Eight

Charles J. McCarthy, M.D. 432 Medford Street
Perry, Baxter, Knapp and Bennett Schools

During the year 3417 children were examined by the school physicians and 29 were sent home because of illness.

The following list will show the diseases and defects, except those of sight and hearing which have been found:

1. Infectious Diseases:	
Chicken Pox	5
Measles	1
Mumps	1
Total	<u>7</u>
2. Diseases of the Nose and Throat:	
Enlarged tonsils and adenoids	108
Inflammatory Diseases	319
Other abnormal conditions	250
Total	<u>677</u>
3. Diseases of the Eyes	6
4. Diseases of the Ear	88
5. Disease of the Skin:	
Eczema	4
Herpes	26
Impetigo	24
Dermatitis	11
Pediculosis	10
Miscellaneous Conditions	98
Total	<u>173</u>
6. Diseases of the Feet	319
7. Miscellaneous Conditions:	
Diseases of the Circulatory System	48
Diseases of the Lymphatic System	105
Diseases of the Respiratory System	6
Wounds and Injuries	26
Other Conditions	275
Total	<u>460</u>
Total number of diseases	1730

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

In accordance with Section 49 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws, thirty-two persons were licensed as Funeral Directors.

NURSES

Eight nurses are employed by the Board of Health, three as Public Health Nurses and five School Nurses. The work of the Public Health Nurses consists of follow-up work on tuber-

culosis cases, post natal hygiene, quarantining for contagious diseases and other related duties. The reports of the School Nurses are included in the report of the School Committee while those of the Public Health Nurses are submitted in detail, in subsequent pages of this report.

INFANT HYGIENE CLINICS

Under the supervision of the Board clinics have been held every Tuesday afternoon at the New Vocational School, every Wednesday at the Old Police Station and every Thursday at the Western Junior High School, except when the days were holidays. The average weekly attendance at the New Vocational School was 9, at the Old Police Station 5 and at the Western Junior High School 9. The attendance for the year at these clinics was 937.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. BENNETT, Chairman
CHARLES W. ELDRIDGE
A. ERNEST ZANGRILLI

Board of Health

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL INSPECTOR

January 5, 1956.

To the Board of Health
Somerville, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Following is the report of the Department of Medical Inspection for the year 1955:

During the year patients were admitted to the Haynes Memorial Hospital, Children's Medical Center and other institutions as follows:

Scarlet Fever	2
Infantile Paralysis	47
Miscellaneous	4

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one death in the city from tuberculosis, seven died in sanatoria and four patients reported as having tuberculosis died of other causes.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION

Clinics for immunization against diphtheria, whooping-cough and tetanus are held on the last Wednesday of each month, throughout the year, at the Old Police Station, 50 Bow Street. Notices are sent to the parents when children reach the age of four months, advising them of the opportunity to have their children immunized.

Clinics are also held for the immunization of all children in the kindergarten and first grade of school.

Following are the statistics on these clinics:

Total number of doses of vaccine administered	2578
Number who completed three doses	626
Number who received two doses	588
Number who received one dose	600
Boosters	764

In May, 2,569 school children received one dose of polio vaccine.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRID C. MacDONALD, M.D.,
Medical Inspector

REPORT OF THE HEALTH NURSES

January 5, 1956.

To the Board of Health
Somerville, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We submit the following report of the work performed by us in infant hygiene, post natal, contagious and tuberculosis cases for the year ending December 31, 1955:

INFANT HYGIENE

There were 21 deaths of infants under one year of age during the year as shown in the following table:

Prematurity	8
Congenital Diseases	2
Pneumonia and other diseases	11
Total attendance at Well Baby Clinics	937
New Registrations	198
Average attendance	8

TUBERCULOSIS

Pulmonary Tuberculosis reported in 1955	47
Other forms of tuberculosis reported	2
Patients admitted to Middlesex County Sanatorium ..	49
Patients admitted to Lakeville State Sanatorium	1
Patients admitted to Rutland State Sanatorium	7
Patients admitted to North Reading State Sanatorium ..	1
Patients admitted to Westfield State Sanatorium	1

Clinics are held on the first and third Monday afternoon of each month, at the Old Police Station on Bow Street, for x-ray and examination of patients and contacts.

Total attendance at those clinics	440
Average attendance	23

**AGE AND SEX OF CASES REPORTED
PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS**

	Male	Female	Total
Fifteen to twenty years	1	2	3
Twenty to thirty years	5	2	7
Thirty to forty years	4	3	7
Over forty years	20	10	30
Totals	30	17	47

OTHER FORMS OF TUBERCULOSIS

Under fifteen years	1	1
Twenty to thirty years	1	1
Totals	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

RECAPITULATION OF VISITS

Infant Hygiene	3432
Tuberculosis	1522
Contagion	300
Miscellaneous	<u>152</u>
Total visits	5406

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE P. HIGHT, R.N.
MARY V. RYAN, R.N.
EILEEN DAILY, R.N.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

January 5, 1956.

To the Board of Health
Somerville, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Following is a report of the work of the Division of Inspection of Animals and Provisions for the year ending December 31, 1955:

Number of establishments visited	6614
Complaints investigated	526
Notices sent	218

CONDEMNATIONS

Bakery Products	3522 lbs.	Poultry	175 lbs.
Canned Goods	217 misc.	Meat	287 "
Fish	97 lbs.	Butter	125 "
Cheese	27 "	Eggs	30 doz.
Cookies	135 "	Tea and Coffee	75 lbs.
Candy	315 "	Vegetables:	
Fruit	117 "	Miscellaneous	517 lbs.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. HAGERTY,

Chief Health Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND VETERINARY

January 5, 1956.

To the Board of Health
Somerville, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Following is my report for the year ending December 31, 1955:

A total of 526 calls were made in connection with 263 dog bites reported during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. WILLIAM JOHANSEN, D.V.M.,
Inspector of Animals & Veterinary

**REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK AND VINEGAR
CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY**

City Hall, Somerville, Massachusetts

January 5, 1956.

To the Board of Health
Somerville, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Four hundred and six stores and restaurants are licensed to sell milk, forty-nine dealers are licensed to distribute milk and two hundred and twenty-nine stores are registered to sell oleo-margarine. Four pasteurizing plants located in Somerville are licensed to operate and thirty-nine plants in cities and towns adjacent to Somerville are also under the jurisdiction of the department. Three hundred and sixty-seven restaurants, stores and distributors are licensed to sell and twenty-two dealers are licensed to manufacture frozen desserts or ice cream mix.

An average of 45,000 quarts of milk and 1,000 quarts of cream are distributed daily in Somerville.

Revenue for the department for the year was \$2,567.00 of which \$1,409.00 was for license fees and the balance of \$1,158.00 for analytical work.

Samples Collected	1143
Samples Submitted	412
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Total	1555
Bacteriological Examinations	3896
Chemical Examinations	1807
Sediment Tests	1234
Phosphatase Tests	1762
Microscopical Examinations	1200
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Total	9899

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGIA H. MORELAND,
Bacteriologist & Milk Inspector

REPORT OF THE DIVISION OF DENTAL HYGIENE

January 5, 1956.

To the Board of Health
Somerville, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I submit the following statistics as the report of the Division of Dental Hygiene for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY F. BIANCHI, D.M.D.,
Supervising School Dentist

HOSPITAL
CLINIC CASES

SCHOOL CHILDREN

BOARD OF HEALTH

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	Number Examined	Old Patients	New Patients	Emergency Cases	Special Cases	Total Number of Patients	Number of Fillings	Number of Extractions	Number of Cleanings	Number of Treatments	Number of Cer- tificates Granted	Number of Patients	Number Given Gas	Number of Extractions
January		372	105	27	2	507	403	98	65	635	49	1	1	2
February		601	136	67	0	804	574	216	95	1072	51	3	3	6
March		563	169	63	1	816	595	180	142	1112	107	6	6	10
April		407	96	42	1	546	406	125	86	740	75	5	5	8
May		595	162	51	3	811	577	216	167	1121	114	19	19	45
June		371	76	32	0	475	259	125	118	650	93	5	5	19
July														
August														
September	10,267										513	1	1	5
October											617	1	1	1
November		368	242	49	0	657	438	188	88	744	12	2	2	4
December		451	101	40	0	592	391	187	41	654	19	9	9	18
Total	10,267	3728	1087	371	8	5208	3643	1335	802	6728	1650	52	52	118

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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

January 7, 1956

Honorable William J. Donovan
City Hall
Somerville, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to submit the following report on activities of the Somerville Department of Public Works during the period from January 1st, 1955 through December 31st, 1955.

Within this period we have progressed steadily toward our goal — a compact, well equipped, trained and efficient Department of Public Works.

We have acquired some additional, badly needed equipment, including a truck mounted catch basin cleaning machine — a street sweeping machine — two large dump trucks with 5 yard bodies — two power wagons — one power operated concrete and asphalt cutter and a variety of smaller items ranging from portable staging to pumps. Modern equipment of this type is invaluable and most economical in performing necessary service for our residents throughout the city.

Our repair shop is handling the bulk of normal repairs to snow fighters, street sweepers, trucks and equipment and has been of great assistance during emergency periods.

Our paint shop has repainted 33 trucks and a variety of equipment, ranging from horses and portable staging to police boxes. In addition, they have painted and lettered hundreds of signs and are now painting room numbers on classroom doors in some of our school buildings.

Our Highway Division has performed its usual duties of snow plowing, sanding, scraping, street sweeping, street clean-

ing, tree removal, tree trimming, tree spraying, street and sidewalk repairs, edgestone repairs, construction of new driveways, construction of new concrete sidewalks, hot top sidewalks, painting center lines, cross-walks, silhouettes and warning signs. During January, February and March, they have assisted the Sanitary Department and have performed many other duties, such as removing Christmas trees from squares, setting and maintaining sand boxes throughout the city, removal of dead animals, and clearance of debris following storms. In addition, this Division has worked with and assisted Utility Companies in topping and trimming trees and encouraged Utility Companies to use sidewalks for new installations, thereby gaining for the city, substantial sections of new sidewalk without expense to the tax-payer. Two prime examples are the 1375 feet of new concrete sidewalk on Medford Street, in the Magoun Square section, installed by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, and new hot top and concrete sidewalks installed by the Boston Edison Company on one side of Washington Street and Prospect Street from the Charlestown line to the Cambridge line. They have further reduced their cost of operation by closing the Highway night office and combining it with Water Division night office. A partial list of their accomplishments this year includes:

- Installation of 122 new street signs.
- Installation of 114 traffic regulatory signs.
- Construction of 90 new driveways and remodelled 11.
- Construction of 10,510 running feet of new concrete sidewalk at 131 locations.
- Construction of 1,443 running feet of new bituminous concrete sidewalk at 18 locations.
- Removal of 118 tree stumps.
- Topping of 72 trees to stump level ready for next stump removal operation.
- Operation of paint shop, repair shop and gasoline pumps.
- Permits issued to occupy sidewalk for various reasons—95.
- Permits issued to public utilities for street and sidewalk openings—188.

The Water Division performed its usual duties of maintaining the water system, including repair of leaks — thawing of pipes — repair of hydrants — repair of meters — installation of new meters — general maintenance of the high and low pressure systems — meter reading and water billing. We have installed a new Addressograph and a Billing Machine, designed to further increase efficiency and accuracy in the operation of this revenue producing division. This division has been abnormally busy due to sustained spells of below-freezing weather, in the early part of the year, causing a large number of leaks: its participation in the department's effort to alleviate

hardship in the partially vacated brick-bottom section, during freezing weather, and the necessity of making many repairs and service changes because of the unusually heavy volume of construction work throughout the city.

This division is vitally affected by such major construction projects as the M.D.C. Water Tunnel—the Washington Street Overpass — the Chapter 90 Street Program — the Urban Re-development Program — the Edison Transmission Line — the construction of new school buildings and private industrial construction. In addition, they have handled many jobs, such as broken main on Adrian Street, new main at Capen Street, relocation of hydrant at Pope School, installation of hydrant guards and repairs of all types on construction work. Included in their accomplishments, are the following:

- Excavated and repaired leaks at 494 locations.
- Major repairs or replacements on 34 hydrants.
- Blew out 85 gate boxes.
- Cleaned out 26 service boxes.
- Repacked main gates on Chapter 90 streets.
- Replaced broken gate boxes throughout city.
- Removed, repaired and replaced 121 water meters.

Our Lights and Lines Division handled its normal activities of electrical inspection — maintenance and care of Police and Fire Signal System — Police and Fire Radio System — traffic light installations — all cable and underground work for above systems and the maintenance and collection of parking meter receipts. This division covers all fires of two alarms or more and carefully checks condition of wiring following floods or fires. They have been particularly active this year since they, like the Water Division, are greatly affected by the scope of heavy construction work in progress in our city. Among their accomplishments this year are:

- Installation of lighting facilities at Lincoln Park Basket Ball Court.
- Installation of time control on Basket Ball lights at Shaw Playground.
- Operation and maintenance of field lighting installations at Trum Field and Glen Street Playground.
- Inspection of installation and re-routing of traffic on Edison Transmission Line job.
- Installation of Parking Meters at Davis Square Parking Lot.
- Installation of new Fire and Police Boxes to protect new schools.
- Major repairs to underground cable system damaged by excavation equipment throughout city.
- Installation of spot lights to protect both traffic officers and motorists.
- Transferred 4 mobile radio sets from old to new police cars and installed 3 new sets, two of which are on fire equipment.

Painted 864 parking meter stalls plus no parking signs on the ends of each area.
Painted 32 sets of traffic light installations—206 Fire Alarm Boxes and 96 Police Signal Boxes.
Installation of new traffic signals and pedestrian lights at Cross and Pearl Streets.
Completion of Air Raid Attack Warning System.

It is our conviction that Somerville now has an Attack Warning System as good and reliable as any city in the Metropolitan Area. This system, push-button controlled from Fire Alarm Headquarters, is designed to blanket the city and is tested at noon each Friday. Our Attack Warning System comprises the following:

5 H. P. Siren at Engine 2—Broadway and Cross Street.
5 H. P. Siren at Engine 3—Union Square.
5 H. P. Siren at Engine 5—Somerville Avenue and Lowell St.
5 H. P. Siren at Engine 6—Teele Square.
5 H. P. Siren at Paul Revere Apartments—Broadway and Main Street.
2 H. P. Siren at Perry School—Washington Street.
2 H. P. Siren at Grimmons School—Shore Drive.
2 H. P. Siren at Nathan Tufts Park—Powder House Square.
Compressed Air Horn—Engine 4—Highland Ave. at Grove St.
Compressed Air Horn—Engine 7—Highland Ave. at Conwell St.
Compressed Air Horn—City Hall—Highland Ave. at School St.

The compressed air horns at Grove Street and City Hall are not new installations but are included in Attack Warning System. The entire system is maintained by the Lights and Lines Division and is located on city property with the exception of the Paul Revere Apartments. We were able to obtain a lease on Paul Revere Apartments site at no cost to city and the roof mounting on this building was constructed by our own Building Division.

We have received 3 new gasoline driven stand-by generator sets purchased under Federal Matching Funds Program. This division will install these units to guarantee operation of our vital installations at Fire Alarm Headquarters, Police Station and Public Works Building during loss of power usually associated with severe storms or emergencies of similar nature.

The Building Division has performed its normal functions of general repairs and maintenance on all school and public buildings, inspection and issuance of building, plumbing and gas permits, and a close check on all construction activities throughout the entire city. This busy division has completed a long list of repairs of all types to our Public Buildings and Schools, which would be impractical to attempt to list in this

report, repair work covers a wide scope ranging all the way from removal of rubbish to the installation of window cord and repair of oil burners. A few of their accomplishments are listed as follows:

- Constructed a new modern classroom for special classes at Forster School.
- Constructed a new Health Room at Southern Junior High School.
- Constructed a new Shower Room at Southern Junior High School.
- Reconstructed the Girls' Gymnasium at Southern Junior High School.
- Installed modern dishwashing machines, involving major construction changes at the Northeastern Junior High—the Southern Junior High and the Western Junior High.

In addition, the Building Division has continued and expanded its clean-up and paint-up program inaugurated last year, a few typical examples:

- Grimmons School—Auditorium, including stage and floor, teachers' office and rest room.
- Forster School—Class-room and two offices.
- Vocational School—Health Room and one Special Class-room.
- Southworth School—Special Class-room.
- Prescott School—Cafeteria, two stock-rooms and front entrance.
- Hanscom School—Room 10.
- Burns School—4 classrooms and front entrance.
- Durell School—4 class-rooms, all corridors, stairways and entrances.
- Baxter School—2 class-rooms.
- Bingham School—2 class-rooms.
- Western Junior High—1 class-room, principal's office, front entrance and corridor, east, west and northeast corridors on first floor.
- Knapp School—Teachers' rest-room and office.
- Southern Junior High—Health Room and Teachers' office.
- Somerville High Gymnasium—Ladies' rest-room, front entrance and foyer.
- Somerville High—Boys' toilets and cafeteria floor.
- Central Library—Dining room, front entrance and ladies' rest-room.

We are particularly gratified, having completed full scale inspection of all our school buildings, together with the State Inspector, to advise that we have received a certificate for every single building. This full scale inspection occurs every five years and has confronted the city with some serious situations in the past.

The Building Division office and inspectors handle items ranging from rental of Public Buildings to issuance of permits. Following are a few tabulations for year 1955.

391 Building permits issued.	
620 Building inspections performed.	
181 Building complaints investigated.	
1651 Plumbing and gas fitting permits issued.	
1651 Plumbing and gas fitting inspections performed.	
140 Plumbing complaints investigated.	
Cash receipts for building permits	\$2,958.00
Cash receipts for gas permits	1,149.00
Cash receipts for plumbing permits	1,317.75
Cash receipts for builders licenses	855.00
Cash receipts for gas fitters licenses	238.00
Cash receipts for Board of Appeal	200.00
Cash receipts for showers	352.75
Total	<u>\$7,070.50</u>

This division acquired a tremendous amount of useable material when it requested and received permission, following transfer of Bennett School to Urban Redevelopment Authority, to remove salvageable material from the building. Building Division personnel promptly stripped the building of furniture, plumbing and electrical fixtures, blackboards, locks, hardware, valves, fittings, and the heating system complete including the boiler, oil burner and storage tank. All this material will be used in making repairs to school buildings throughout the city.

The Building Division also handles condemnation and demolition proceedings on abandoned or hazardous property and quite frequently has to board them up pending legal proceedings. This step is taken when deemed necessary to protect the lives and safety of the general public.

The Engineering Division performed its usual duties of snow removal—clearing and cleaning of catch basins and storm drains — emergency clearing of blocked drains and sanitary sewers — repairing and rebuilding of storm drains and sewer system — general maintenance and repair of parks, playgrounds, cemeteries and recreational facilities, including ice skating areas — furnished grades, lines, inspection, drawings and plans for all type of city activities.

The Engineering Office is instrumental in developing and perfecting plans, such as we submitted to the M.D.C. proposing Expansion and Improving Dilboy Field and Saxton Foss Park — detailed drawings and specifications for bids and construction — preparations and surveys to promote Chapter 90 Program — detailed construction layouts designed to help our flooding problems in various sections of the city — close supervision of all underground construction by Utility Companies and Private Enterprise and the coordination of all phases of inter-division participation.

The Engineering-Sewer Division crews have performed many and varied activities, among which are noted:

- Construction, flooding and maintenance of Ice Skating Areas.
- Construction and maintenance of Playground Facilities.
- Maintenance of Parks and Cemeteries.
- Rebuilt bleachers at Trum Field #1—installed angle iron brackets and all new planking—hot top area under seats.
- Installed drainage at Southern Junior High School to protect new floor in girls' gymnasium.
- Built new concrete and cement block bus shelter at Broadway and Packard Avenue.
- Built new concrete sand boxes at Dilboy—North Street—Tufts Park—Trum Field—Grimmons School and Florence Street.
- Installed under-drain in Ryan Road Extension.
- Repaired Shore Drive storm outlet.
- Repaired sewer breaks and cave-ins at Vine and Hanson Streets—Walnut Street and Columbus Avenue—Parkdale and Washington Streets—Winslow Avenue—High Street and many other locations.
- Remodelled connection to M.D.C. sewer at Moreland Street and Mystic Avenue and built a new concrete bus stop platform on Mystic Avenue opposite Moreland Street. This platform is protected by a chain link fence and pedestrian traffic lights.
- Built new drainage system in Meacham Street—Century Street—Ash Avenue area, involving 500' of 10" V. C. storm drain—3 new manholes—4 new catch basins and rebuilding of 2 catch basins. This was a particularly difficult job, almost entirely through ledge.
- Built 2 new basins and installed 75' of storm drain at Powder House Boulevard and Packard Avenue.
- Built new relief sewer in Ball Square to eliminate frequent stoppage in sanitary sewer. This sewer is 14' deep, and, due to concentration of utilities in Broadway, had to be hand excavated, ledge encountered at 6' depth—3 level shoring and Broadway traffic were major factors on this job.
- Built 22 new catch basins.
- Rebuilt 17 catch basins.
- Built 17 new manholes.
- Installed 2 new "D" frames and grates on catch basins.
- Installed 24 new manhole rings and covers.

CHAPTER 90 PROGRAM

Under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws Ter. Ed. the following streets were resurfaced with Bituminous Concrete Type I:

- Park Street from Beacon Street to Somerville Avenue.
- Cameron Avenue from Holland Street to Cambridge line.
- Curtis Street from Teele Square to Medford line.
- Mt. Vernon Street from Broadway to Washington Street.
- Walnut Street from Broadway to Highland Avenue
- School Street from Summer Street to Somerville Avenue.
- Lowell Street from Highland Avenue to Medford Street.
- Newbury Street from Teele Square to Cambridge line.

These streets were excavated and reshaped to provide proper reveal on edgestones and to insure good drainage and sound base. A great deal of additional work was encountered such as tree removal, repacking of water gates, replacing of water lines and underground conduit, construction of new manholes and catch basins, resetting of edgestone and repairs to driveways and sidewalks. Streets reconstructed along these lines may be expected to withstand today's heavy traffic volume.

DEMOLITION OF DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE STRUCTURES

Following condemnation of old Dilboy Stadium by State Inspectors, we razed seats of the grandstand to prevent further use. Before proceeding with balance of demolition, which would necessitate fencing, etc., we are awaiting decision by M.D.C. on extent they will enter into redevelopment of old Dilboy and Tevlin Fields. We have submitted detailed plans and drawings showing our proposed new Dilboy installation and are anxiously awaiting their answer.

We have condemned and razed eight abandoned dwelling houses and one barn, which were creating hazardous neighborhood situations. In each instance, costs involved have been assessed against land. At the present time, we are trying to force owners to raze similar structures at eleven additional locations and make immediate repairs at numerous others.

EDISON TRANSMISSION LINE

Our men have followed this huge job, closely, to protect the city's interests during construction of this valuable and assessable installation. The Boston Edison Company has co-operated wholeheartedly, having rebuilt catch basins and manholes — reset edgestones — replaced fencing — repaired water and sewerage lines and resurfaced street and sidewalk areas in strict accordance with our specifications, wherever and whenever we requested them to do so. This was an extremely complicated job, with problems of all types, and its successful completion is a credit to all involved.

BRIDGE REPAIRS

The Boston and Maine Railroad has also cooperated with us, making major repairs to the Walnut Street and Cedar Street Bridges, plus a variety of repairs ranging from reinforcing side-

walk adjoining Ball Square and Gilman Square bridges, to fence repairs.

NORTH STREET TOT LOT

This new play area has been completed and is a much larger job than one would think since it required concrete retaining walls — chain link fencing with gate and driveway to allow access by city trucks — sidewalk and edgestone repairs — "No Parking" signs — a catch basin and underground drainage system — water line and chamber — drinking bubbler — water spray — sand boxes — swing frame and bituminous concrete surfacing. It has been a pleasure to note the large number of children enjoying this new installation.

FLORENCE STREET PLAY AREA

This new play area has also been completed and consists of a chain link fence with gate and walk openings along Florence Street — a catch basin and underground drainage system — water line and chamber — drinking bubbler — water spray — sand boxes — swing frame and basket ball court. The areas containing the basket ball and water spray installations have been surfaced with bituminous concrete and the balance of the area surfaced with stone dust to provide for future horse shoe courts, etc.

CENTRAL LIBRARY LIGHTING PROJECT

This sorely needed lighting installation is tremendous in scope involving new mains, wiring and fixtures throughout the entire building to replace the antiquated present system. Upon receipt of cost estimates from electrical contractors it was clear that our own electricians would have to do the job. They have worked many months on this involved job and to the present time have completed the entire lower floor installations and the twenty-one large fixtures around the outer perimeter of the main library. They are now preparing structural steel hangars for lighting fixtures to be installed in center section of the main library, which will complete the installation. Quite an achievement for our department electricians.

DAVIS SQUARE PARKING LOT

This new parking area has the dual purpose of providing modern parking facilities and eliminating a previous condition which was the source of many complaints by our residents. We obtained a long term lease with option to renew from the

Boston and Maine Railroad and proceeded to construct this parking area.

Construction involved the installation of an underground drainage system with three catch basins — chain link fencing along railroad — granite edgestone — sidewalk — street lights — parking meters — steel guard rail and bituminous concrete surface.

This provides a clean, safe, well lighted parking area for our shoppers to use and it is hoped will help alleviate the parking situation. In addition, to this new parking area we have resurfaced Grove Street from Highland Avenue to Morrison Avenue and installed Parking Meters both sides from the railroad crossing to Morrison Avenue.

RYAN ROAD

The dilapidated old garage buildings on this site have been razed and a modern outdoor loading and storage area has been constructed. This is an extremely valuable addition to the Department of Public Works, as it provides storage space for bank gravel, sand, stone, loam, edgestone, "D" frames and grates, manhole rings and covers, planking and shoring, main pipe and plow blades and equipment. The site was cleared. Underground drainage, catch basins, concrete retaining walls, high chain link fence, with sliding gate, and bituminous concrete surface were installed. In addition, to protect the residents of the neighborhood, and children and adults, travelling to and from Trum Field, the light poles were moved back to widen the roadway, a concrete sidewalk, with granite edgestone, was constructed and the roadway resurfaced with hot top. The safe and accessible storage facilities, provided by this new area, will result in substantial savings to the city through increased efficiency and salvage.

HONOR ROLL

A permanent type Honor Roll has been constructed on the site of the former Honor Roll on Central Hill grounds. The work consisted of removing several dead elm trees, relocating hydrant, constructing new sidewalk, removal of old Honor Roll, excavating for and pouring a reinforced concrete base, erecting a wire cut face brick and Indiana grey limestone superstructure, with aluminum frames and glass panels, paving the area within the Honor Roll with flagstone, set in concrete base, and

construction of a new stairway with wrought iron railings. The area around the Honor Roll has been appropriately landscaped and lights installed to illuminate the memorial at night. The name panels are composed of plexiglass. In the center panels, there are 509 names, of those who died in the service of their country during World War II, inscribed in gold plastic letters on a black plexiglass background. Included in gold on the center panels, are quotations by General Jonathan M. Wainwright and a memorial to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. At the bottom of the center panels appear two angels with the inscription, "Eternal Gratitude".

A total of 14,803 names, in white plastic letters, commemorate those who served their country in World War II. The names are placed in 22 panels with 6 columns of names in each panel. Sufficient space has been left at the bottom of each panel for the insertion of names of those veterans, who were in the service during the Korean Conflict, should our people so desire.

PROSPECT HILL TOWER

Work on new retaining walls has been completed. Two huge concrete retaining walls have been constructed and back-filled. This was a slow and involved job, due to the tremendous size of the walls and the difficult terrain surrounding the tower. Ample time between each pour had to be allowed, to guard against settlement and to provide sufficient time for previous layer to harden before being subjected to strain of next pour, thereby guarding against cracking and distortion. In conjunction with construction of the walls, to minimize future maintenance problems, underground drainage, a water line and electrical conduits have been installed within the tower.

During the winter months, on the basis of all available information on this tower, we drew detailed plans for the construction of retaining walls, using circumferential rings and grade beams around the core of the tower, extending below the level of Munroe Street and tying into new retaining walls. In the Spring, we advertised for bids and awarded contract to the low bidder. The contractor immediately started excavation to uncover core of tower preparatory to forming circumferential rings, and discovered there was no core or shaft running down to Munroe Street, the foundation simply ending about 6' below top surface. This confronted us with the dangerous situation of having the base of the tower perched on top of a gravel bank, some 17 or 18 feet above the sidewalk, with the deadly and very real possibility of its toppling over. We immediately in-

structed the contractor to forget original plan and work, day and night, to pour a heavy steel reinforced concrete footing around the tower, to contain the gravel mound, while we rushed preparation of new construction drawings for free-standing retaining walls capable of withstanding the terrific pressures involved.

I must admit, Mr. Mayor, that this has been one of the most nerve wracking and trying experiences with which I have ever been confronted. The realization that the lives and safety of hundreds of our residents, living below the tower, depended on our not making a wrong move, was a heavy load.

Upon completion of our revised plans, I called in an outside engineering expert to double check them and upon receipt of his approval, presented them to the contractor. I asked him to refigure this new layout while rushing footings, and, upon receipt of his estimate, requested the necessary additional funds, which the Board of Aldermen approved immediately. I am sorry to say that I am afraid the contractor, who worked with us so faithfully, lost money on this job as no one could foresee the difficulties encountered. During the deluge experienced on August 18th and 19th, I thanked the Almighty God many times that these walls were in place.

We are going to attempt to handle the landscaping with city forces. With this in mind, we have moved the granite edgestone from the Pope School site to the tower. It is our intention to remove present trees, set edgestone and construct new sidewalk along tower side of Munroe Street and plant new trees on tower grounds, just off the sidewalk. I am sure this coming year will see the Prospect Hill Tower regain its just position as one of the beauty spots in this area.

NEW SCHOOLS

Construction is progressing rapidly on our three new schools. It appears the larger Meacham Street School, now named the "Arthur D. Healey School", will be ready for occupancy the latter part of January, and the Capen Street School, now named the "Leon M. Conwell School", will be ready during March. The new Pope School is scheduled for completion in June 1956. These three new schools will constitute invaluable additions to our school system and have been described in detail in separate reports.

HURRICANES — FLOODS

During the month of July, we checked over and serviced all our hurricane gear in the event we should receive one of these unwelcome visitors. During the tropical type deluges experienced on August 18 and 19, our crews worked diligently to alleviate hardship and distress among our residents and then proceeded to clean up storm debris in speedy fashion. I firmly believe our crews are capable of handling any storms or emergencies which may confront us.

CENTRAL STREET APPROACH

Last September the Engineering Division performed the relocation and widening of the road bed at the Central Street Approach to Somerville Avenue. The necessary land amounting to 389 square feet at the easterly corner of Somerville Avenue and Central Street was donated to the City by Dora and Benjamin Ginsberg and recorded at Middlesex County Registry, South District, East Cambridge, Massachusetts on May 10, 1955. A group of trees were removed to start the project and a fire hydrant and three sign posts were moved. The Metropolitan Transit Authority relocated their poles and service for the trackless trolleys. The Boston Edison Company relocated their poles, installed underground service and erected a new street lamp. An existing manhole was adjusted to the new grade and a new catch basin and drain were built. The old edgestone was left in place while the new edgestone and sidewalk were constructed. The old edgestone was then removed and a reinforced concrete base eight inches in depth was poured for the roadway followed by bituminous concrete surface laid in two 1½" layers of type I binder and wearing course. The entire cost to the City for this project was \$2,389.23. Police Lieutenant Leo Gormley in charge of traffic has advised us that this job is working out nicely and has helped the traffic situation greatly. He further states that this corner, the scene of many serious accidents prior to its relocation, has not suffered an accident since being remodelled.

We have accurate and detailed records of all department activities described in this report and will be pleased to enlarge on any items you may desire. I trust this report will meet with your approval and satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER J. MANNING,
Commissioner of Public Works

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

OFFICE OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

January 1, 1956.

TO HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR AND THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

The following report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1955 is respectively submitted.

Work of Weights and Measures Department for 1955

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Over 10,000	0	18	0	1
5,000 lbs. to 10,000 ..	1	4	1	0
100 to 5,000 lbs.	45	250	8	22
Under 100 lbs.	229	853	2	5
Weights:	3	997	0	5
Capacity Measure:				
Vehicle Tanks	0	12	0	0
Liquid over 1 gallon	0	9	0	0
Liquid under 1 gallon ..	0	72	12	1
Dry	0	1	0	0
	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Automatic Measuring Devices:				
Less than one inch				
Quantity Measure on				
Pumps 2020	0	2	0	0
Gasoline Meters	9	196	12	3
Oil and Grease Meters ..	3	53	8	1
Over one inch				
Tank Meter Systems	12	129	0	1
Bulk Meter Systems	2	18	2	0
Other				
Grease Measuring De-				
vices	0	24	32	1
Linear Measure:				
Yard Sticks	0	28	0	1
Cloth Measuring Devices	0	3	0	0
Taxi Meters	1	47	0	1
Total	305	2716	77	42

Summary of Inspection made:

Clinical Thermometers	987
Coal Certificates	3
Ice Scales	0
Junk Scales	13
Marking of Bread	0
Marking of Food Packages	179
Milk Jars	0
Oil Jars	39
Paper or Fibre Cartons	0
Pedlers' License	14
Pedlers' Scales	14
Transient Vendors	0
Wholesale Milk Cans	0
Taxi Meters	47
Fuel Meters	129
Gas Pumps and Meters	190
Coal in Paper Bags	0
Kindling Wood in Paper Bags	0
Oil Measures (5 gallons)	9

Summary of Tests made:

Berry Baskets	0
Cartons (approved as measures)	0
Gasoline Devices (other than Sealings)	20
Ice Cream Cartons	0
Scales in Stores	50
Taxi Meters (other than Sealing)	5
Fuel Meters (other than Sealing)	10

Applications inspected and signed for Special Licenses:

Special City Licenses	16
County	40
State	34
Disabled Veterans	13
Transfers	4
Total	107

Gasoline Station Tests:

Total numbers of calls	58
Number of different stations	57
Number of call-backs to stations previously inspected	1
Number of Gallons drawn for tests	2020
Total meters at stations	78
Total meters sealed	186
Total meters not sealed	0

Trial weighings and measurements of commodities sold or put up for sale:

	Total No. Tested	Number Correct	Incorrect	
			Under	Over
Bread	0	34	0	0
Butter	20	12	7	1
Coal (in paper bags)	0	0	0	0
Coal (in transit)	3	3	0	0
Confectionery	0	0	0	0

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Dry Commodities	122	108	5	9
Flour	0	0	0	0
Fruits and Vegetables ..	31	17	4	12
Ice	0	0	0	0
Lard	0	0	0	0
Meat and Provisions	128	69	23	46
Potatoes	5	5	5	5
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Total	309	248	44	73

Miscellaneous:

Court Cases	0
Complaints investigated	16

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. CASEY,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION

January 1, 1956

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The following factual information is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Licensing Commission for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Commissioner Jerome F. McCarthy served as chairman of the Licensing Commission from January 1, 1955 to May 23, 1955, Commissioner Joseph D. Lonergan from May 23, 1955 to June 14, 1955 and Commissioner John Korn from June 14, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

Thomas Kenny was appointed by the Mayor, approved by the Board of Aldermen and sworn in on June 9, 1955 as a member of the Licensing Commission for a term of three years to take the place of Jerome F. McCarthy whose term had expired.

Thomas J. Hagerty, Board of Health Inspector, was assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1955.

Captain Thomas M. Sharry and Inspector William Quinlan were assigned to the Licensing Commission for 1955. On November 14, 1955 Sergeant Frederick Cammon was assigned to the Licensing Commission to take the place of Captain Thomas M. Sharry who had retired from the Somerville Police Department on October 12, 1955.

The following table will show the number of licenses permissible by law as compared with the number of licenses that have been granted and are now in effect.

	All Forms Pkg.	Beer & Wine Pkg.	All Forms Beer & Wine Restaurants & Clubs	Druggist
Allowed by Law	22	22	94	Unlimited
Issued by Commission	22	22	88	6
Balance to Issue	0	0	6	Unlimited

The Somerville Commission received one application for an All Forms Alcoholic Restaurant, To Be Drunk On The Premises, 7-Day License for 1956. The Commission voted "GRANTED" on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission "APPROVED" same. This, however, did not increase the number of All Forms Alcoholic Restaurant, To Be Drunk On The Premises, 7-Day Licenses for 1956, as one renewal application for this type of license for 1956 which had been "GRANTED" by the Somerville Commission and "APPROVED" by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission was withdrawn by the applicant.

The Somerville Commission received an application for a transfer of type of license, from a Beer and Wine Restaurant, To Be Drunk On The Premises, 7-Day License to an All Forms Alcoholic Restaurant, To Be Drunk On The Premises, 7-Day License. They voted "LEAVE TO WITHDRAW" on this application. The applicant appealed to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission and then withdrew the appeal.

The Somerville Commission received four applications for transfer of location. They voted "GRANTED" on three of these applications and same were "APPROVED" by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. On the other application the Somerville Commission voted "LEAVE TO WITHDRAW".

The Somerville Commission received one application for additional premises. They "GRANTED" this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission "APPROVED" same.

The Somerville Commission received two applications for change of premises, dropping of a store, which they "GRANTED" and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission "APPROVED".

The Somerville Commission received eight applications for transfer of license which they "GRANTED" and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission "APPROVED" as follows:—

- 2—Transfers from one individual to another individual
- 1—Transfer from an individual to a partnership
- 3—Transfers from an individual to a corporation
- 1—Transfer from one partnership to another partnership
- 1—Transfer from a partnership to an individual

The Somerville Commission received two applications for a change of business name. These were "APPROVED" by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

The Somerville Commission received eleven applications for change of manager. These were "APPROVED" by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

The established policy of the Somerville Licensing Commission relative to routine matters of office procedure has not materially changed. The Somerville Licensing Commission after inspection and consideration decided to continue their policy of restricting so-called entertainment in all restaurants. Only the radio and music box was allowed for the year with two exceptions:—Memory Lane Inc., which was issued a full entertainment and dance license for 1955 and the 318 Lounge Inc., which was issued a full entertainment license for 1955.

A general inspection tour of all licensed premises brought out the fact that all establishments are now equipped with up-to-date facilities.

We wish to express our gratitude to Captain Thomas M. Sharry, who has retired from the Somerville Police Department, for the wise counsel and unselfish service he rendered to our Commission. We also wish to acknowledge the splendid co-operation and whole-hearted support given our Commission by Police Inspectors, Sergeant Frederick Cammon and Inspector William Quinlan and Board of Health Inspector Thomas J. Hagerty assigned to our department and the efficient and faithful service of our clerk Mary I. Kenney.

An itemized report of the fees received during the year ending December 31, 1955 is as follows:—

REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 1955

Licenses Granted and Fees Received:

68—Renewals (1956) All Forms Restaurant License 7-day	\$1,000.00	\$68,000.00
1—Renewal (1956) All Forms Restaurant License 7-day	100.00	100.00*
1—Renewal (1956) All Forms Restaurant License 6-day	800.00	800.00

3—Renewals (1956) Bear & Wine Restaurant License 7-day	400.00	1,200.00
15—Renewals (1956) All Forms Club License 7-day	150.00	2,250.00
22—Renewals (1956) All Forms Package Goods	900.00	19,800.00
22—Renewals (1956) Beer & Wine Package Goods	300.00	6,600.00
6—Renewals (1956) Druggist, Section 30-A License	300.00	1,800.00
71—Renewals (1956) Entertainment License	5.00	355.00
1—Renewal (1956) Entertainment License .....	.50	.50*
1—Renewal (1956) Entertainment License	1.00	1.00
1—Renewal (1956) Dance License	5.00	5.00
1—Renewal (1955) Inn Holder License	5.00	5.00
1—Renewal (1956) Inn Holder License	5.00	5.00
31—Special Alcoholic Licenses	5.00	155.00
207—Common Victualler's Licenses	5.00	1,035.00
1—Common Victualler's License .....	.50	.50*
180—Lord's Day Licenses	5.00	900.00
7—Garage Licenses	2.00	14.00
TOTAL		\$103,026.00
Rebate on an All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-day Restaurant License—under the provisions of Chapter 382, Acts of 1955		816.29
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$102,209.71
EXPENSES		7,532.75
NET TOTAL REVENUE OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR 1955		\$94,676.96

* These licenses were renewed under the provisions of Chapter 382, Acts of 1955, therefore only one-tenth of license fee was paid.

Respectfully submitted,

LICENSING COMMISSION

JOHN KORN, Chairman
JOSEPH D. LONERGAN, Commissioner
THOMAS KENNY, Commissioner

ATTEST

MARY I. KENNEY
Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Board of Election Commissioners respectfully submits the following report for the year 1955.

REGISTRATION

Before the Preliminary Election in October, registration was held in the office at City Hall, beginning on January 2 and continuing until Tuesday, September 20, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., except Saturday. Also Wednesday, September 7; Thursday, September 8; Monday, September 19 and Tuesday, September 20, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., and Wednesday, September 21, from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

OUTSIDE SESSIONS

From 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. were as follows:

Friday, September 9th	Cutler Schoolhouse, Powder House Blvd.
Friday, September 9th	John A. Dickerman Schoolhouse, Cross St.
Monday, September 12th	Morse Schoolhouse, Summer St.
Monday, September 12th	Western Junior Schoolhouse, Holland St.
Tuesday, September 13th	Carr Schoolhouse, Atherton St.
Tuesday, September 13th	Perry Schoolhouse, Washington St.
Wednesday, September 14th	Bingham Schoolhouse, Lowell St.
Wednesday, September 14th	Glines Schoolhouse, Jaques St.
Thursday, September 15th	Knapp Schoolhouse, Adrian St.
Thursday, September 15th	Southworth Schoolhouse, Myrtle St.
Friday, September 16th	Brown Schoolhouse, Willow Ave.
Friday, September 16th	Southern Junior Schoolhouse, Summer St.

After the Preliminary Election on October 11, 1955, registration was held daily in City Hall, October 13-14, from 8:30

A.M. to 4:30 P.M., also Monday, October 17; Tuesday, October 18, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 19, from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Nine hundred ninety-two names were added to the voting list after the Preliminary Election, making a total of 48,812.

NOMINATING PAPERS

The Board of Election Commissioners received four hundred thirty-three (433) papers on which fourteen thousand, four hundred eleven (14,411) names were certified. There were no Initiative or Referendum Petitions received this year.

JURORS

In accordance with Chapter 234 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 211 of the Acts of 1924, the Election Commissioners prepared a list of the inhabitants of Somerville, liable to serve as jurors.

The Board had established a system, whereby each person, provisionally selected for jury service, fills out a questionnaire, and appears before the Board at the office and makes oath to the statements contained therein. This gives the Board an opportunity to meet each individual and note, if any, his physical defects or disability to render the county the service that would be required from him as juror. These personal examinations, also, enable the Board to know the educational qualifications of each prospective juror.

The Jury List for the year 1955, prepared by the Board, contains the names of One Thousand, One Hundred Four (1,104) prospective jurors.

RECOUNTS

A Recount of votes cast at the Preliminary Election on October 11, 1955, for the office of Ward Six School Committee and for Alderman-At-Large was held on October 22 and October 23. Original figures and figures of the Recount are on Pages 70 and 72, in the book, "Records of Primary Elections", in the office of the Election Commissioners.

After the Election on November 8, 1955, a Recount was held for the office of Ward Seven School Committee, Wards Five and One—Alderman.

This Recount was started on Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 A.M. Figures of the original count and figures of the Recount are on Pages 39 and 40 in the book, "Records of Elections", in the office of the Election Commissioners.

EXPENSES

The Expenses for the Election Department for the year ending December 31, 1955, were as follows:

Board of Election Commissioners	\$38,533.77
Pay of Election Officers	13,179.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$51,712.77</u>

The Board has had the co-operation of His Honor, the Mayor and the Honorable members of the Board of Aldermen and all City officials, for which it is deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. McDONNELL
THOMAS W. ORPEN
DENNIS L. DONOVAN
CHARLES S. JOHNSTON

Board of Election Commissioners
of Somerville

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Listing Board of the City of Somerville respectfully submits the following report for the year 1955:

Listing of males, twenty years of age and upwards, for poll taxes, and listing of females, twenty years of age and upwards.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. McDONNELL
THOMAS W. ORPEN
DENNIS L. DONOVAN
CHARLES S. JOHNSON
AUGUSTINE F. SHARRY

Listing Board of the
City of Somerville

**NUMBER OF PERSONS LISTED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR 1955**

Ward	Prec.	Male	Female	Totals	Male	Female	Totals
1	1	1016	1011	2027			
1	2	763	830	1593			
1	3	782	812	1594			
1	4	896	956	1852			
1	5	855	935	1790			
					4312	4544	8856
2	1	846	848	1694			
2	2	743	835	1578			
2	3	595	674	1269			
2	4	918	994	1912			
2	5	867	992	1859			
2	6	807	861	1668			
					4476	5204	9980
3	1	822	972	1794			
3	2	749	915	1664			
3	3	843	999	1842			
3	4	745	888	1633			
3	5	624	944	1568			
					3783	4718	8501
4	1	979	1104	2083			
4	2	677	726	1403			
4	3	908	1128	2036			
4	4	906	1091	1997			
4	5	930	1057	1987			
4	6	1015	1171	2186			
					5415	6277	11692
5	1	666	745	1411			
5	2	755	823	1578			
5	3	749	848	1597			
5	4	777	852	1629			
5	5	782	841	1623			
5	6	812	902	1714			
					4541	5011	9552
6	1	783	910	1693			
6	2	887	1018	1905			
6	3	716	901	1617			
6	4	652	845	1497			
6	5	721	899	1620			
					3759	4573	8332
7	1	863	973	1836			
7	2	871	999	1870			
7	3	819	941	1760			
7	4	1016	1126	2142			
7	5	829	929	1758			
					4398	4968	9366
TOTAL FOR CITY					30984	35295	66279

NOTICES

Notices were sent to Voters who did not appear on Police Listing taken January 1, 1955.

NOTICES SENT TO VOTERS NOT ON POLICE LISTING**April 6, 1955**

Ward	Wonen	Men	Totals
1	274	264	538
2	299	284	583
3	307	269	576
4	339	335	674
5	319	284	603
6	315	272	587
7	361	307	668
TOTALS	<hr/> 2214	<hr/> 2015	<hr/> 4229

STATE CENSUS — 1955

Ward	Precinct	Totals	Ward Totals
1	1	3,034	
1	2	2,361	
1	3	2,534	
1	4	2,855	
1	5	2,644	
			13,428
2	1	2,548	
2	2	2,311	
2	3	1,892	
2	4	2,903	
2	5	2,698	
2	6	2,453	
			14,805
3	1	2,574	
3	2	2,211	
3	3	2,616	
3	4	2,360	
3	5	2,036	
			11,797
4	1	3,097	
4	2	2,113	
4	3	2,741	
4	4	2,883	
4	5	2,873	
4	6	4,110	
			17,817
5	1	2,087	
5	2	2,304	
5	3	2,410	
5	4	2,352	
5	5	2,429	
5	6	2,588	
			14,170
6	1	2,354	
6	2	2,610	
6	3	2,156	
6	4	1,972	
6	5	2,188	
			11,280
7	1	2,597	
7	2	2,659	
7	3	2,570	
7	4	3,337	
7	5	2,572	
			13,735
TOTAL			97,032

REGISTERED VOTERS OCTOBER 19, 1955

Ward	Pct.	Women	Total Women	Men	Total Men	Total	
1	1	651		681		1332	
1	2	627		589		1216	
1	3	572		550		1122	
1	4	658		625		1283	
1	5	665		666		1331	
			3173		3111		6284
2	1	492		587		1079	
2	2	566		556		1122	
2	3	461		430		891	
2	4	667		625		1292	
2	5	680		632		1312	
2	6	533		541		1074	
			3399		3371		6770
3	1	694		619		1313	
3	2	650		548		1198	
3	3	744		648		1392	
3	4	709		588		1297	
3	5	674		454		1128	
			3471		2857		6328
4	1	791		743		1534	
4	2	520		507		1027	
4	3	804		660		1464	
4	4	862		749		1611	
4	5	760		710		1470	
4	6	845		779		1624	
			4582		4148		8730
5	1	570		521		1091	
5	2	643		629		1272	
5	3	607		582		1182	
5	4	655		614		1269	
5	5	573		570		1143	
5	6	690		644		1334	
			3738		3560		7298
6	1	715		624		1339	
6	2	748		668		1416	
6	3	672		516		1188	
6	4	696		554		1250	
6	5	655		489		1144	
			3486		2851		6337
7	1	715		673		1388	
7	2	713		650		1363	
7	3	721		642		1363	
7	4	832		780		1612	
7	5	695		644		1339	
			3676		3389		7065
			<u>25525</u>		<u>23287</u>		<u>48812</u>

ENROLLMENT OF VOTERS OCTOBER 19, 1955

Wd.	Pct.	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL		Unenrolled	TOTALS
		Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.		
1	1	57	370	58	385	115	755	462	1332
1	2	98	338	81	326	179	664	373	1216
1	3	63	302	54	322	117	624	381	1122
1	4	103	312	83	320	186	632	465	1283
1	5	65	389	56	399	121	788	422	1331
		386	1711	332	1752	718	3463	2103	6284
2	1	14	328	26	433	40	761	278	1079
2	2	39	375	36	369	75	744	303	1122
2	3	43	268	43	262	86	530	275	891
2	4	32	422	40	420	72	842	378	1292
2	5	65	372	62	362	127	734	451	1312
2	6	35	354	26	367	61	721	292	1074
		228	2119	233	2213	461	4332	1977	6770
3	1	73	388	50	404	123	792	398	1313
3	2	133	293	83	274	216	567	415	1198
3	3	170	343	103	337	273	680	439	1392
3	4	70	387	40	365	110	752	435	1297
3	5	140	299	62	243	202	533	393	1128
		586	1710	338	1614	924	3324	2080	6328
4	1	127	349	102	361	229	710	595	1534
4	2	49	275	44	295	93	570	364	1027
4	3	164	342	104	343	268	685	511	1464
4	4	166	403	114	387	280	790	541	1611
4	5	132	384	104	381	236	765	469	1470
4	6	57	495	71	480	128	975	521	1624
		695	2248	539	2247	1234	4495	3001	8730
5	1	75	307	62	314	137	621	333	1091
5	2	64	352	62	362	126	714	432	1272
5	3	88	268	95	287	183	555	451	1189
5	4	115	284	108	288	223	572	474	1269
5	5	42	322	34	331	76	653	414	1143
5	6	109	327	93	353	202	680	452	1334
		493	1860	454	1935	947	3795	2556	7298
6	1	167	289	134	273	301	562	476	1339
6	2	192	242	159	241	351	483	582	1416
6	3	229	173	140	179	369	352	467	1188
6	4	175	257	118	245	293	502	455	1250
6	5	237	189	140	191	377	380	387	1144
		1000	1150	691	1121	1691	2279	2367	6337
7	1	184	276	168	279	555	352	481	1388
7	2	149	285	126	301	275	586	502	1363
7	3	214	263	154	262	368	525	470	1363
7	4	121	382	130	392	251	774	587	1612
7	5	138	252	118	267	256	519	564	1399
		806	1458	696	1501	1705	2756	2604	7065
						7680	24444	16688	48812

PRELIMINARY ELECTION OCTOBER 11, 1955

Candidates	Wards 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Total Vote Cast	3273	3758	3441	4417	4512	3042	3386	25829

Mayor

William J. Donovan	1256	1485	1569	1608	1733	1892	1675	11218
Mary E. Wholey	175	38	42	72	58	44	36	465
Andrew Capuano	958	1359	987	1504	2015	724	1141	8688
G. Edward Bradley	844	821	813	1182	663	363	499	5185

Alderman at Large

Joseph R. Conceison	248	192	203	525	540	335	225	2268
Walter W. Whitney	739	678	833	1117	1075	913	878	6233
Andrew J. Mulligan	146	580	275	222	211	167	238	1839
Charles W. Hersey	96	86	84	186	102	120	107	781
Edward J. Moran	551	669	478	589	572	423	555	3837
Michael A. Manning	217	283	780	420	982	337	314	3333
John N. Cameron	412	174	286	278	187	199	190	1726
Eugene McCarthy	395	234	253	485	576	304	394	2641
John E. Kilty	364	169	183	677	220	168	253	2034
Joseph Howard	123	800	212	176	216	213	229	1969
Dominick N. Vitiello	519	782	664	786	1190	402	531	4874
Gordon F. Hughes	118	258	241	165	159	211	143	1295
Daniel J. Buckley	720	283	217	342	305	183	228	2278
Thomas E. Burke	330	584	461	340	532	377	478	3102
John V. Chisholm	288	89	94	468	230	143	236	1548
James F. Hall	612	1594	918	721	820	762	731	6158
John J. Lovering	252	216	660	736	502	379	482	3227
Edward F. Moynihan, Jr.	270	204	308	367	538	748	549	2984
Thomas J. Burke	486	908	746	599	711	700	911	5061
John Joseph Ryan, Jr.	489	307	319	508	901	618	557	3699
Francis Leo McCarthy	735	324	439	963	751	508	614	4334
William P. Bennett	89	100	103	119	185	195	156	947
T. Edward Corbett	499	548	508	567	747	607	684	4160
John H. Cataldo	961	805	690	1597	1290	518	789	6650

**Ward Alderman
Ward One**

William E. Ryan	202
John F. Dunne	1121
P. Joseph DiGuisto	722
Elvin E. MacKenzie	1107

**Ward Alderman
Ward Two**

Frank G. Kelleher	540
Joseph F. Buckley	233
Anthony J. Dell'Anno	577
William J. Joyce	1092
Paul M. Haley	1030

Candidates	Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Ward Alderman									
Ward Three									
Charles E. Thornton				530					
Denis L. McKenna				1486					
Edward J. Butler				1232					
Ward Alderman									
Ward Four									
Walter B. MacDonald				1709					
Armando G. Russo				898					
Alexander J. Lynch				1300					
Leo J. Cain, Jr.				314					
Ward Alderman									
Ward Five									
T. Peter Russo						405			
William A. Warren						157			
Constant Macarelli						374			
Richard S. Butler						634			
John T. O'Brien						279			
John R. Havican						790			
Anthony R. DiCicco						577			
Leonard A. Scott						721			
Walter J. Frost						202			
John C. Coady						161			
No Contest in Ward Six									
Ward Alderman									
Ward Seven									
John R. Linardy								489	
Joseph F. O'Brien								575	
Peter J. Morrissey, Jr.								2080	
School Committee									
Ward One									
Albert G. Ciampa		1881							
Harold D. Taylor		775							
Frank C. Correau, Jr.		367							
No Contest in Ward 2-3-4									
School Committee									
Ward Five									
William J. Shea					1538				
Mary K. Moran					875				
Lawrence F. Bretta					1322				
Francis D. Pizzella					570				
School Committee									
Ward Six									
William D. O'Connor						399			
Donald J. Sullivan						545			
Robert J. Bowdring						1024			
Anna M. Michitson						614			
John J. Riley						222			

Candidates	Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
School Committee									
Ward Seven									
Blanche Moriarty								761	
James J. Tobin								894	
John J. Brennan								1379	

Assessors									
H. John Roche	384	423	416	549	608	504	977	3861	
Harold W. Wells	858	916	1076	1707	1817	1026	974	8374	
William J. Moran	1077	891	913	1267	1303	1076	1270	7797	
John A. Cardoso	296	406	256	430	498	159	196	2241	
Theodore R. O'Keefe	207	845	359	241	267	223	198	2340	
Dominick O'Donnell	126	201	114	147	136	78	65	867	
John Sarno	211	231	155	291	393	84	153	1518	
Matthew H. Kerner	611	137	336	435	386	365	244	2514	
John B. Carr	901	1157	1076	1125	1106	1128	1126	7619	
Paul B. Bain	304	59	357	336	185	239	168	1648	
Peter Ferola	174	471	248	272	270	120	162	1717	
Thomas P. Lane	141	133	169	191	151	141	93	1019	
Patsy Baroni	196	252	252	367	457	150	215	1889	

CITY ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 1955

Number of									
Votes Cast	4683	5114	4750	6412	5699	4653	5179	36940	

Mayor									
William J. Donovan	2588	2689	2871	3324	2886	3133	2983	20474	
Andrew Capuano	2061	2381	1848	3030	2771	1494	2158	15743	

Alderman at Large									
Thomas J. Burke	2169	2550	2507	2727	2632	2641	3073	18299	
James F. Hall	1701	2956	2103	2157	2082	2105	2136	15240	
Francis Leo McCarthy	2316	1388	1794	2913	2327	1969	2111	14818	
John H. Cataldo	1931	1764	1520	3065	2275	1420	1853	13828	
T. Edward Corbett	1655	1692	1643	2026	2093	1936	2121	13166	
Edward J. Moran	1755	1951	1586	2022	1953	1620	1868	12755	
Dominick N. Vitiello	1101	1506	1227	1638	2048	993	1216	9729	
Walter W. Whitney	1728	1568	1993	2610	2203	2170	2240	14512	

Ward Alderman									
Ward One									
John F. Dunne	2312								
Elvin E. MacKenzie	2229								

Ward Two									
William J. Joyce	2303								
Paul M. Haley	2587								

Ward Three									
Edward J. Butler	1855								
Denis L. McKenna	2729								

Candidates	Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Ward Four									
Walter B. MacDonald					3200				
Alexander J. Lynch					2926				
Ward Five									
Leonard A. Scott						2707			
John R. Havican						2751			
Ward Six									
John E. Ryan							3013		
Howard F. Aucoin							1369		
Ward Seven									
Peter J. Morrissey, Jr.								3509	
Joseph F. O'Brien								1376	
School Committee									
Ward One									
Albert G. Ciampa		2797							
Harold D. Taylor		1674							
Ward Two									
Walter J. Casey			4093						
Ward Three									
Eleanor S. Coyne				2448					
Lawrence M. Neylon				2092					
Ward Four									
Sarah M. McLaughlin					3421				
William J. MacDonald					2581				
Ward Five									
William J. Shea						2677			
Lawrence F. Bretta						2810			
Ward Six									
Robert J. Bowdring							2996		
Anna M. Michitson							1361		
Ward Seven									
John J. Brennan								2459	
John J. Tobin								2431	
Assessors									
John B. Carr	2187	2642	2293	2832	2309	2462	2318	17043	
William J. Moran	2438	2332	2269	2941	2738	2352	2622	17692	
M. John Roche	973	1278	1206	1371	1379	1086	1938	9231	
Harold W. Wells	2354	2221	2286	3540	3251	2280	2213	18145	

JOHN J. McDONNELL,
Chairman Election Board

REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

April 24, 1956

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Law Department for the year 1955.

As in past years, the Law Department extended its services to such other city departments as found them necessary. Court action was taken for the Board of Assessors in Appellate Tax Board cases, for the City Treasurer in Land Court proceedings, and for the various divisions of the Welfare Department.

There was an increase in the number of claims and suits brought against the city arising out of defective sidewalks and streets and a marked increase in the number of claims resulting from the operation of the city-owned motor vehicles. Settlements were made in many instances and in others court action was necessary.

The work of the department has been carried out with the assistance of Edward J. Kelleher, Assistant City Solicitor, and John J. Tanner of the Police Department who has been assigned to this office as Inspector of Claims.

I wish to express my appreciation for the pleasant relations and cooperation which existed between this department and his Honor, Mayor Donovan, the members of your Honorable Board, and the officials and employees of the city with whom this department has had occasion to work during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING L. STACKPOLE,
City Solicitor

REPORT OF THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable, the Mayor and
the Board of Aldermen of the
City of Somerville.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Sanitary Department for the year 1955 is respectfully submitted herewith:—

COLLECTIONS OF ASHES AND REFUSE

	Loads	Yards	Tons
January	1600	10400	3600
February	1550	10075	3488
March	1575	10238	3544
April	1500	9750	3375
May	1490	9685	3353
June	1475	9588	3319
July	1425	9263	3206
August	1375	8938	3094
September	1400	9100	3150
October	1500	9750	3375
November	1650	10725	3713
December	1625	10563	3656

COLLECTIONS OF PAPER

	Yards	Tons
January	6525	870
February	6450	860
March	6300	840
April	6263	835
May	6188	825
June	5925	790
July	5888	785
August	6000	800
September	5888	785
October	6450	860
November	6563	875
December	6638	885

The above figures are approximate and are based on the general average of amounts carried by the trucks.

The ashes and refuse are being collected with motor trucks on account of the distance to the Medford dump, which is being used by this department subject to the rules and regulations of the Board of Health of the City of Medford.

There is a general increase in the amount of rubbish being collected due to the fact, so many householders converted their heaters from coal to oil, so much that I weighed my loads this year and ashes and refuse has decreased in weight 40% and collections of paper have increased 50%. I would suggest that any new equipment the Sanitary Department purchases should be covered trucks, as everything is bulk, it would be more economical, in my opinion the days of the open truck are gone, for this type of work.

The total estimated collection of garbage amounted to 6500 tons, the work is being done by a contractor who furnishes trucks and chauffeurs, the City supplying the laborers and collections to be the same as previously, namely:— two collections a week throughout the year from private dwellings and three times a week from restaurants, stores, etc.

The department as a whole is operating efficiently and with the citizens' co-operation we shall continue to carry on in the usual manner.

I wish to thank His Honor, the Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen and the employees of my department for their co-operation extended during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. MESKELL,

Supt., Sanitary Department

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY

OF

STATISTICS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Somerville, Massachusetts

1955

WILLIAM J. SHEA	Chairman
EDWARD F. MOYNIHAN, JR.	Vice-Chairman

MEMBERS

Ex-Officiis

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN, Mayor	71 Bay State Avenue
EDWARD J. BUTLER,, President, Board of Aldermen	121 Lowell Street

Ward One

ALBERT G. CIAMPA	73 Perkins Street
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Ward Two

WALTER J. CASEY	15 Kingman Road
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Ward Three

ELEANOR S. COYNE	59 Preston Road
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Ward Four

SARAH M. McLAUGHLIN	167 Central Street
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Ward Five

WILLIAM J. SHEA	27 Aberdeen Road
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Ward Six

EDWARD F. MOYNIHAN, JR.	905 Broadway
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Ward Seven

JOHN J. BRENNAN	50a Gordon Street
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Superintendent of Schools

EVERETT W. IRELAND

Office: West Building, High School, Highland Avenue

Residence: 18 Day Street

The Superintendent's Office will be open on school days from 8:00 to 4:30.
His office hour is 3:30 on school days.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

LEO C. DONAHUE
108 Summer Street

Superintendent's Office Force

Marion E. Marshall, 62 Highland Avenue
Regina Truelson, 23 Blackrock Road, Melrose
Frances C. Geaton, 40 Highland Avenue
William E. Hogan, 12 Richardson Road, Newton
Julia DeFranco, 21 Benedict Street
Claire F. McAnneny, 33 Pearson Road
Eileen M. Mahoney, 14 Madison Street
Elizabeth A. Cassidy, 431a Broadway

Standing Committee of the Whole

With Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen designated to act during such times as the matter set opposite their names are under discussion:

TEACHERS	Coyne, Moynihan (Brennan)
FINANCE	McLaughlin, Casey (Ciampa)
CURRICULUMS AND INSTRUCTION	Ciampa, Coyne
HEALTH, PHYSICAL TRAINING AND ATHLETICS	Shea, Casey
INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION	Moynihan, McLaughlin (Ciampa)
SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS	Brennan, Moynihan (Shea)
RULES AND REGULATIONS	Casey, Brennan

Meetings

January 3	May 31
January 24	June 28
February 28	September 14, 27
March 29	October 6, 25
April 26	November 15, 17, 22, 29, 30
December 6, 13, 19, 27, 28, 29	

PART II

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

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 Teachers
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 Cost of school maintenance
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 Cost of Schools

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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

1—POPULATION AND SCHOOL CENSUS

Population, United States census, 1895	52,200
Population, United States census, 1900	61,643
Population, State census, 1905	69,272
Population, United States census, 1910	77,236
Population, State census, 1915	86,854
Population, United States census, 1920	93,033
Population, State census, 1925	99,032
Population, United States census, 1930	103,604
Population, State census, 1935	100,773
Population, United States census, 1940	102,304
Population, State census, 1945	105,883
Population, United States census, 1950	102,254
Population, State census, 1955	970,032
Children, between five and fifteen years of age inclusive, October, 1955 by school census	16,302

2—SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Number of school buildings in June	26
Number of classrooms in use in June	515
Valuation of school property	\$4,891,600

3—TEACHERS

	1954	1955	Change
In high school	124	121	—3
In junior high schools	120	120	—
In elementary schools	204	208	+4
In Kindergartens	34	34	—
Total: elementary and kindergar- ten	238	242	+4
Vocational School for Boys	21	21	—
Independent Household Arts	1	1	—
Atypical Classes	11	12	+1
Sight saving	1	1	—
Cadet teachers	5	7	+2
Special	14	13	—1
Cont. and Jr. Vocational	4	2	—2
Americanization	1	1	—
Total Teachers	540	541	+1
Supervisors, Principals, etc.	21	22	+1
Total	561	563	+2

4—ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR

	1954	1955	Change
Entire enrollment for the year	13,499	13,377	—122
Average number belonging	12,566	12,448	—118
Average number attending	11,560	11,386	—174
Percent of daily attendance	91.99	91.46	—.53
High School graduates	566	613	+ 47
Junior High School graduates	780	782	+ 2

5—COST OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

	*1954	*1955	Change
Salaries of teachers ..	\$2,543,771.76	\$2,612,147.06	+ \$68,375.30
Salaries of officers ...	87,157.26	91,620.13	+ 4,462.87
Cost of books and supplies	91,606.54	106,856.24	+ 15,249.70
Cost of care of buildings	547,462.69	598,361.39	+ 50,898.70
Total cost of day and evening schools ..	3,269,998.35	3,408,984.82	+ 138,986.47
Per capita cost	260.23	273.86	+ 13.63
Cost of High School instruction	637,771.77	645,712.26	+ 7,940.49
Per capita cost	310.35	320.14	+ 9.79

6—MISCELLANEOUS

	*1954	*1955	Change
Repairs & permanent improvements	\$186,926.80	\$237,416.05	+ \$50,489.25
Total school expenditures	3,269,998.35	3,408,984.82	+ 138,986.47
Valuation of city	131,065,450.00	133,039,200.00	+ 1,973,750.00
Number of dollars spent to maintain schools out of every \$1,000 of valuation	1.43	1.78	+ .35
Number of dollars spent for all school purposes, etc.	24.95	25.62	+ .67

* School year.

7—COST OF THE SCHOOLS

The total amount spent for the maintenance of the schools of Somerville for the school year ending June 30, 1955, is \$3,408,948.82.

This includes the sum spent for care of school buildings, including salaries of officers, the amount spent for school and administrative supplies and services, and the sum paid for salaries of teachers.

The expenditures for care for school buildings is wholly in charge of the City Government.

The amount paid for janitors is	\$225,245.20
The cost of fuel is	73,555.74
The cost of light is	37,021.98
Miscellaneous expense of operation	25,122.42
A total cost of	360,945.34
A total cost per capita of	29.00
Cost of repairs	237,416.05

The second important expenditure is wholly under the control of the School Committee and is covered by what is known as the "School Contingent" appropriation. The following is the itemized account:

	Total	Day Schools—				Vocational	Evening Schools—	Vocational	Jr. Vocational
Expenditures		High	Junior High	Elementary			High		Continuation School and Americanization Work
Office Salaries	\$91,620.13	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....
Office Expenses	9,161.47	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....
Text Books	21,134.83	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....
Stationery	65,086.01	4,606.67	3,871.60	12,283.71		\$166.44	\$206.41	\$776.86	\$557.63
Supplies, etc.	9,830.89	20,656.08	12,758.76	20,256.23		9,305.73	774.72		53.57
Miscellaneous		2,573.28	3,193.14	3,518.82		492.08			
Total	\$196,833.33	\$27,836.03	\$19,823.50	\$36,058.76		\$9,964.25	\$981.13	\$776.86	\$611.20

The third, and by far, the largest element of the cost of schools is the sum spent for the **salaries of teachers**. This expenditure is under the control of the School Committee.

Expenditures	Day Schools			Evening Schools		Vocational Americanization Work
	Total	High	Junior High	High	Elementary	
Supervisors	\$47,206.84	\$9,969.00	\$7,851.00	\$27,571.00	Vocational	\$1,815.84
Principals	75,539.75	7,560.00	18,900.00	41,127.50	.....	738.65
Teachers	2,489,400.47	618,591.59	574,533.91	1,167,070.97	.....	14,134.17
Total	\$2,612,147.06	\$636,120.59	\$601,304.91	\$1,235,769.47	.....	\$16,688.66

The total outlay for all school purposes includes all the preceding and the sums spent for schoolhouse repairs and new buildings.

The total outlay for the school year ending June 30, 1955 is as follows:

Care	\$360,945.34
Contingent	106,856.24
Salaries	2,703,767.19
Total for school maintenance	3,171,568.77
Paid for repairs	237,416.05
Total for all school purposes	3,408,984.82

Each dollar of the sum spent for the support of schools has been divided in the following proportion:

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Janitors salaries	\$0.074	\$0.070	\$0.074	\$0.069	\$0.075	\$0.071
Other Maintenance expenses	0.056	0.046	0.044	0.052	0.042	0.043
Administration	0.027	0.028	0.027	0.028	0.028	0.032
School supplies	0.028	0.030	0.029	0.026	0.030	0.030
Teachers salaries	0.815	0.826	0.826	0.825	0.825	0.824
	<u>\$1.000</u>	<u>\$1.000</u>	<u>\$1.000</u>	<u>\$1.000</u>	<u>\$1.000</u>	<u>\$1.000</u>

Per Capita Cost. The proper method of comparison of the cost of schools year by year is to consider the sum spent for each pupil in the average membership. In this computation we exclude the cost of evening schools, and the vocational schools. The following shows:

The Per Capita Cost of Schools for 1954-55

	High School.			Junior High Schools.			Elementary Schools.			All Day Schools.		
	1954.	1955.	Change	1954.	1955.	Change	1954.	1955.	Change	1954.	1955.	Change
Instruction.....	\$310.35	\$320.14	+\$9.79	\$246.35	\$242.88	-\$3.47	\$156.50	\$167.74	+\$11.24	\$200.22	\$204.64	+\$4.42
Supplies.....	12.76	14.47	+1.71	8.31	8.55	+24	4.34	5.62	+1.28	6.55	7.55	+1.00
Care.....	43.35	45.33	+1.98	53.67	56.17	+2.50	36.15	40.60	+4.45	40.87	43.79	+2.92
Total.....	\$366.46	\$379.94	+\$13.48	\$308.33	\$307.60	\$-.73	\$196.99	\$213.96	+\$16.97	\$247.64	\$255.98	+\$8.34

A comparison of the per capita cost for previous years is as follows:

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Cost of Instruction	\$155.74	\$170.34	\$182.81	\$193.14	\$200.22	\$204.64
Cost of Supplies	5.41	6.08	6.40	6.00	6.55	7.55
Cost of Care	34.48	35.87	36.65	41.53	40.87	43.79
Total	<u>\$195.63</u>	<u>\$212.29</u>	<u>\$225.86</u>	<u>\$240.67</u>	<u>\$247.64</u>	<u>\$255.98</u>

An examination of these tables shows that we have paid \$9.79 more for the instruction of each pupil in the High School than in 1954, and \$1.71 more per pupil for supplies.

The elementary schools have cost \$11.24 more per pupil for instruction, and \$1.28 more for supplies.

The amount yielded for each child in the average membership of the schools for 1955 not including the vocational schools, was \$255.98.

TABLE 1 — SCHOOLHOUSES, DECEMBER, 1955

Name	No. of Classrooms	No. of Sittings	Size of Lot, including Space occupied by Building	Class of Construction	How Heated	How Ventilated	Valuation including Furniture	When Built	Enlargements
High School	* 102	3,407	†	A-C	Steam	Fan	†\$1,263,500	1895	1906, 1918, 1928
Prescott	13	{ 439		C	Steam	Fan		1867	
Southworth	10	{ 401	49,310	C	Steam	Fan	139,200	1916	
Knapp	13	473	24,517	C	Steam	Gravity	58,500	1889	1894
° Pope									Razed, December 1950
Southern Junior High	47	1,308	64,460	A-C	Steam	Fan	374,400	1918	1931, 1933
Edgerly Elementary	10	304							
Vocational { Continuation	6	30	43,927	A	Steam	Unit System	412,800	1936	
Boys' Vocational ...	18	110							
† Glines	15	515	28,800	C	Steam	Gravity	101,400	1891	
Chandler (Northeastern Jr. High)	42	1,290	74,124	A	Steam	Gravity	638,000	1923	
Folsom	8	{ 768	30,632	C	Steam	Gravity	112,000	1899	
Forster	13							1866	
Carried forward	297	9,045					\$3,099,800		

† Buildings are located on Central Hill Park, which contains 13-1/10 acres; land not included in valuation.

° Includes home rooms, laboratories, shops, assembly rooms, etc.

A—Brick walls, concrete floors and corridors.

B—Brick walls, concrete corridors, wooden floors.

C—Brick exterior walls.

Not used School Year 1949-1950:—ordered closed by Building Commissioner August 1949. (Organization housed at Prescott and Hanscom Buildings.)

Dental Clinics in Prescott, Knapp and Glines.

New Pope School expected to be completed September, 1955.

‡ New Healey School opened and Glines School closed January 18, 1956.

TABLE 1 — CONCLUDED, SCHOOLHOUSES, DECEMBER, 1955

Name	No. of Classrooms	No. of Seatings	Size of Lot, including Space occupied by Building	Class of Construction	How Heated	How Ventilated	Value of Furniture including	When Built	Enlargements
Brought forward	297	9,045					\$3,099,800		
Bingham	16	462	35,586	C	Steam	Gravity	82,000	1886	1904
Carr	14	649	20,450	C	Steam	Gravity	63,100	1898	
Morse	12	484	29,000	C	Steam	Gravity	64,000	1869	1890
Cholerton (Highland)	12	458	23,260	C	Steam	Gravity	72,600	1880	1891
Hodgkins	11	584	35,034	C	Steam	Gravity	126,200	1896	
Cliff (Western Jr. High)	43	1,480	218,071	B	Steam	Fan	548,000	1917	1923, 1931
Cutler	20	929	53,719	C	Steam	Fan	154,000	1912	1915
Hanscom	10	364	16,767	C	Steam	Fan	70,500	1897	1907
Brown	10	472	26,733	C	Steam	Gravity	83,700	1901	1907
Proctor	9	276	11,000	C	Steam	Gravity	147,000	1905	
Cummings	9	366	22,800	A	Steam	Unit System	89,500	1932	
Grimmons	8	324	84,354	B	Steam	Unit System	100,800	1930	
Burns	8	336	16,080	C	Steam	Gravity	49,000	1886	1899
Lowe	8	386	21,650	C	Steam	Gravity	59,000	1903	
Baxter	6	210	11,000	C	Steam	Gravity	41,200	1901	
Perry	6	242	46,080	C	Steam	Gravity	56,100	1899	
Durell	4	163	13,883	C	Steam	Gravity	26,100	1894	
Total	503	17,195					\$4,833,600		

† State property; land not included in valuation.
New Conwell School to be completed September, 1956.

* Dental Clinics in Proctor, Hodgkins

TABLE 2—COST OF MAINTAINING SCHOOLS

For School Year 1954 - 1955

Schools	From School Appropriation		Spent By City Government	Total
	Instruction and Supervision	Supplies	Care	
High	\$645,712.26	\$29,186.59	\$91,433.15	\$766,332.00
Northeastern	216,039.10	7,801.37	48,245.24	272,085.71
Southern	203,044.54	7,451.14	47,101.72	257,597.40
Western	206,840.83	6,795.34	49,403.25	263,039.42
Prescott	76,406.70	2,503.97	25,190.08	104,100.75
Hanscom	39,990.36	1,505.37	11,450.04	52,945.77
Bennett	36,017.02	848.43	8,015.03	44,880.48
Baxter	23,484.30	697.06	6,870.02	31,051.38
Knapp	41,799.03	1,741.35	13,740.04	57,280.42
Perry	25,611.06	725.48	6,870.02	33,206.56
Pope	28,750.85	816.23	* 14,414.27	43,981.35
Cummings	53,165.14	1,590.55	11,450.04	66,205.73
Edgerly	42,999.23	1,430.23	8,015.03	52,444.49
Glines	72,455.21	2,350.13	17,185.09	91,990.43
Grimmons	47,595.22	1,663.80	9,190.16	58,449.18
Forster	113,988.27	3,602.13	22,900.07	140,490.47
Bingham	66,827.03	1,805.12	17,185.09	85,817.24
Carr	63,023.44	1,812.91	17,185.10	82,021.45
Morse	57,727.62	1,653.30	12,595.04	71,975.96
Proctor	42,184.46	1,142.04	9,190.16	52,516.66
Durell	17,765.61	583.20	4,610.15	22,958.96
Burns	36,728.75	1,493.43	9,190.16	47,412.34
Brown	54,032.13	1,739.13	11,450.04	67,221.30
Cholerton	34,473.96	1,104.08	11,450.04	47,028.08
Hodgkins	69,103.03	1,836.09	12,595.04	83,534.16
Cutler	128,978.60	3,802.70	22,900.07	155,681.37
Lowe	38,495.58	1,076.38	9,190.16	48,762.12
Vocational	113,938.42	10,197.99	17,576.80	141,713.12
Ind'p. H. A.	5,866.63	370.69	7,814.33	14,051.65
Atypical	59,544.03	5,153.06	14,885.05	79,582.14
Sight Saving	4,625.30	7.93	1,145.00	5,778.23
Cont. & Jr. Voc.	9,928.58	579.26	7,089.80	17,597.64
Americanization	6,897.50	3.65	4,012.45	10,913.60
Eve. High & Elem.	4,839.34	358.63	9,077.72	14,275.69
Eve. Prac. Arts	3,768.41	622.50	3,638.11	8,029.02
Eve. Voc.	4,561.25	776.86	3,101.79	8,439.90
Dist. Educ.	6,558.40	28.12	1,006.04	7,592.56
Total	\$2,703,767.19	\$106,856.24	\$598,361.39	\$3,408,984.82

* Includes \$7,544.25 for Buses.

TABLE 3—PER CAPITA COST OF MAINTAINING SCHOOLS
For School Year 1954 - 1955

Schools	From School Appropriation		Spent By City Government ¹	
	Instruction and Supervision	Supplies	Care	Total
High	\$320.14	\$14.47	\$45.33	\$379.94
Northeastern	251.50	9.08	56.10	316.74
Southern	236.66	8.68	54.89	300.23
Western	240.51	7.90	57.44	305.85
Prescott	182.35	5.98	60.11	248.44
Hanscom	137.42	5.18	39.34	181.94
Bennett	219.61	5.17	48.87	273.65
Baxter	197.35	5.86	57.73	260.94
Knapp	174.90	7.29	57.49	239.68
Perry	162.10	4.59	43.48	210.17
Pope	169.12	4.80	84.79	258.71
Cummings	162.58	4.86	35.02	202.46
Edgerly	153.02	5.09	28.53	186.64
Glines	153.83	4.99	36.48	195.30
Grimmons	138.35	4.84	26.72	169.91
Forster	148.03	4.68	29.74	182.45
Bingham	178.68	4.83	45.95	229.46
Carr	171.26	4.93	46.70	222.89
Morse	173.35	4.96	37.82	216.13
Proctor	172.18	4.66	37.51	214.35
Durell	189.00	6.20	49.04	244.24
Burns	116.23	4.73	29.09	150.05
Brown	154.38	4.97	32.71	192.06
Cholerton	170.66	5.46	56.68	232.80
Hodgkins	185.27	4.92	33.76	223.95
Cutler	151.92	4.48	26.98	183.38
Lowe	206.97	5.79	49.41	262.17
Atypical	376.86	32.61	94.12	503.68
Sight Saving	925.06	1.58	229.00	1,155.64
Eve. High & Elem.	22.71	1.69	42.61	67.01
All Elem.	167.74	5.62	40.60	213.96
All Schools (With- out state-aided schools)	204.64	7.55	43.79	255.98
Vocational	\$513.24	\$45.94	\$79.17	\$638.35
Cont. & Junior Voc.	381.86	22.27	272.68	676.81
Eve. Prac. Arts	14.22	2.35	13.72	30.29
Eve. Voc.	34.30	5.84	23.32	63.46
Ind'p. H. A.	279.36	17.65	372.11	669.12
Dist. Occup.	345.17	1.48	52.94	399.59
Americanization ...	42.58	.02	24.77	67.37

**TABLE 4—ANNUAL COST OF MAINTAINING THE SCHOOLS
FOR A SERIES OF YEARS**

Amounts are given to the nearest dollar and include what has been paid for maintaining day and evening schools of all grades.

YEAR.	Average Member- ship.	FROM SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.		SUM SPENT UNDER DIRECTION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.				Total.
		Instruction and Super- vision.	School Supplies.	Light.	Heating.	Janitors.	School Tele- phones.	
1914	12,320	\$338,587	\$26,843	\$6,448	\$18,952	\$33,711	\$624	\$425,165
1915	12,903	357,581	29,389	5,755	18,366	32,674	213	443,978
1916	13,191	363,948	26,098	6,233	20,197	34,667	.....	451,143
1917	12,770	376,138	29,221	5,429	25,487	35,718	.....	471,993
1918	12,656	410,589	33,587	6,966	35,839	42,063	18	529,062
1919	12,733	437,730	33,225	8,821	22,960	55,710	.....	*559,328
1920	12,836	613,294	40,079	10,092	37,083	56,381	.....	*757,679
1921	13,366	714,859	26,329	12,163	63,017	61,435	.....	*878,153
1922	14,109	747,905	42,682	10,531	26,521	61,987	.....	*889,877
1923	14,308	752,272	44,106	9,883	64,726	63,408	.....	934,395
1924	14,544	769,773	52,757	9,803	34,162	67,277	.....	933,772
1925	14,699	790,963	45,259	12,226	41,846	73,967	.....	964,261
1926	15,042	851,758	46,497	13,319	23,316	74,924	.....	1,009,814
1927	15,042	944,588	47,388	13,187	39,524	82,773	.....	1,127,460
1928	15,190	974,328	51,041	13,898	23,544	86,580	.....	1,149,391
1929	15,521	1,021,916	54,663	19,458	30,032	87,452	.....	1,213,521
1930	15,632	1,076,845	59,560	18,403	31,827	89,483	.....	1,276,118
1931	15,915	1,141,065	56,074	22,411	41,502	98,823	.....	1,359,876
1932	16,030	1,188,529	53,788	26,819	32,306	104,709	.....	1,406,151
1933	16,303	1,200,830	48,644	22,777	29,751	105,412	.....	1,407,413
1934	16,616	1,231,330	45,837	20,944	29,371	107,468	.....	1,434,957
1935	16,613	1,238,414	44,462	22,577	38,186	105,058	.....	1,448,690
1936	16,779	1,265,145	43,295	18,157	25,463	105,138	.....	1,457,378
1937	16,626	1,293,317	45,373	22,077	42,028	112,885	.....	1,515,680
1938	16,623	1,329,084	53,473	22,769	34,703	106,429	.....	1,550,748
1939	16,307	1,329,422	48,963	24,393	33,285	111,577	.....	1,547,640
1940	16,325	1,325,599	47,678	24,813	33,858	111,836	.....	1,543,784
1941	15,988	1,312,036	46,175	22,785	31,822	113,991	.....	1,526,809
1942	15,170	1,277,111	45,597	19,541	39,057	112,650	.....	1,493,956
1943	14,304	1,289,636	47,120	22,494	48,533	112,467	.....	1,520,250
1944	13,742	1,311,827	36,079	23,350	63,037	113,868	.....	1,548,161
1945	13,693	1,309,400	50,046	26,712	64,219	129,584	.....	1,579,961
1946	13,670	1,380,548	51,194	23,464	53,555	136,454	.....	1,645,215
1947	13,549	1,515,163	49,832	34,414	63,312	163,740	.....	1,826,191
1948	13,507	1,750,083	79,201	26,554	85,166	175,696	.....	2,116,700
1949	13,282	1,928,593	71,356	32,976	77,059	163,244	.....	2,273,228
1950	12,957	2,091,696	77,767	30,331	60,648	182,504	.....	2,442,946
1951	12,504	2,225,289	84,320	31,955	59,560	182,207	.....	2,583,331
1952	12,465	2,377,823	87,266	32,575	62,646	205,676	.....	2,765,986
1953	12,498	2,509,084	82,822	37,863	60,301	204,177	.....	2,894,247
1954	12,566	2,630,929	91,607	38,211	68,305	232,168	.....	3,061,220
1955	12,448	2,703,767	106,856	37,022	73,556	225,245	.....	3,153,991

- Includes \$882.50, rent of Armory in 1919.
- " 750.00 " " in 1920.
- " 350.00 " " in 1921.
- " 250.00 " " in 1922.

TABLE 5—ANNUAL COST PER CAPITA OF MAINTAINING SCHOOLS
FOR A SERIES OF YEARS
 (Based on the average membership)

YEAR.	Instruction and Supervision.	School Supply Expenses.	Care	Total.	Assessors' Valuation of City.	Ratio of Cost of School Main- tenance to Valuation.
1914	\$24 55	\$1 89	\$4 27	\$30 71	\$74,887,800	\$.00568
1915	24 90	2 03	3 92	30 85	77,153,500	.00575
1916	26 25	1 88	4 41	32 54	79,304,329	.00569
1917	26 72	2 05	4 61	33 38	78,921,472	.00595
1918	29 58	2 40	6 09	38 07	84,639,280	.00625
1919	31 82	2 45	6 43	40 70	87,353,424	.00643
1920	44 34	2 80	7 45	54 59	83,910,855	.00903
1921	50 07	1 60	9 62	61 29	86,718,290	.01012
1922	50 90	2 77	6 73	60 40	88,158,139	.01009
1923	50 39	2 85	9 24	62 48	92,519,400	.01010
1924	51 21	3 34	7 39	61 94	99,311,000	.00940
1925	51 25	2 79	8 35	62 39	104,769,800	.00920
1926	54 87	2 90	6 96	64 73	109,262,400	.00915
1927	60 89	2 94	8 49	72 32	116,406,900	.00969
1928	62 23	3 01	7 68	72 92	120,172,300	.00956
1929	63 95	3 19	8 33	75 47	118,840,900	.01021
1930	67 30	3 56	8 66	79 52	122,420,200	.01042
1931	69 92	3 19	9 79	82 90	123,051,300	.01105
1932	71 95	3 15	9 99	85 09	123,285,500	.00936
1933	72 15	2 83	9 41	84 39	119,798,800	.00704
1934	72 17	2 67	9 12	83 96	118,100,500	.00711
1935	72 40	2 51	9 60	84 51	117,182,500	.01236
1936	73 23	2 01	8 62	83 86	115,688,600	.01259
1937	75 47	2 61	10 17	88 25	113,453,300	.01335
1938	77 21	3 01	9 67	89 89	114,522,100	.01354
1939	78 33	2 77	9 93	91 03	114,124,400	.01357
1940	77 92	2 72	10 01	90 65	114,057,800	.01353
1941	75 80	2 55	9 75	88 10	113,273,800	.01348
1942	80 69	2 73	10 93	94 35	113,069,300	.01321
1943	86 61	3 04	12 31	101 96	113,470,800	.01340
1944	91 77	2 40	14 04	108 21	115,794,150	.01337
1945	92 29	3 36	15 49	111 14	116,941,600	.01351
1946	100 99	3 75	15 62	120 36	116,705,950	.01497
1947	111 83	3 67	32 56	148 06	133,975,950	.01497
1948	129 57	5 86	32 74	168 17	139,631,300	.01627
1949	145 20	5 37	30 92	181 49	131,136,700	.01838
1950	155 74	5 41	34 48	195 63	128,191,550	.02060
1951	170 34	6 08	35 87	212 29	127,760,800	.02181
1952	182 81	6 40	36 65	225 86	129,972,800	.02270
1953	193 14	6 00	41 53	240 67	130,714,000	.02404
1954	200 22	6 55	40 87	247 64	131,065,450	.02490
1955	204 64	7 55	43 79	255 98	133,039,200	.02562

**TABLE 6—AMOUNT SPENT ANNUALLY FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES
FOR A SERIES OF YEARS**

YEAR.	For New Schoolhouses.	For Repairs and Permanent Improvements.	For Maintaining Schools.	Amount Spent for all School Purposes
1914	\$120,913	\$19,700	\$425,165	\$565,778
1915	9,745	28,212	443,978	481,935
1916	81,184	21,634	451,143	553,961
1917	94,420	27,283	471,993	593,696
1918	100,177	30,126	529,062	659,365
1919	104,067	20,492	559,328	683,887
1920	200	44,286	757,679	802,165
1921	3,285	39,573	878,153	921,011
1922	7,576	36,629	889,877	934,082
1923	588,302	63,052	934,395	1,585,749
1924	289,938	57,593	933,772	1,281,303
1925	18,663	45,848	964,261	1,028,773
1926	741	59,903	1,009,814	1,070,458
1927	22,000	77,201	1,127,460	1,226,661
1928	105,469	57,226	1,149,391	1,312,086
1929	673,185	74,968	1,213,521	1,961,674
1930	351,638	72,927	1,276,118	1,700,684
1931	690,414	59,634	1,359,876	2,109,924
1932	440,776	52,637	1,406,152	1,899,565
1933	15,142	39,350	1,407,413	1,461,905
1934	29	50,357	1,434,950	1,485,336
1935	72,413	40,507	1,448,697	1,561,622
1936	339,510	39,194	1,457,378	1,836,082
1937	152,587	52,847	1,515,680	1,721,114
1938	22,314	48,936	1,550,748	1,621,998
1939	29,328	62,088	1,547,639	1,639,055
1940	9,139	55,421	1,543,784	1,608,344
1941	.....	59,692	1,526,809	1,586,501
1942	.....	58,519	1,493,956	1,552,475
1943	.....	56,935	1,520,250	1,577,185
1944	.....	104,147	1,548,161	1,652,308
1945	.....	149,801	1,579,961	1,729,762
1946	.....	102,367	1,645,215	1,747,582
1947	.....	151,315	1,854,854	2,006,169
1948	.....	146,239	2,125,275	2,271,514
1949	.....	122,295	2,288,365	2,410,660
1950	.....	147,363	2,493,053	2,640,416
1951	.....	171,698	2,614,604	2,786,302
1952	.....	156,290	2,794,588	2,950,878
1953	.....	192,824	2,949,244	3,142,068
1954	.....	186,927	3,083,071	3,269,998
1955	.....	237,416	3,171,569	3,408,985

For years prior to 1914 see School Report of 1917.

TABLE 7—POPULATION AND SCHOOL CENSUS**For School Year 1954 - 1955**

1842	1,013	1911	78,000	1935	100,773
1850	3,540	1912	80,000	1940	102,304
1860	8,025	1913	81,000	1945	105,883
1865	9,366	1914	85,000	1950	102,254
1870	14,693	1915	86,854	1955	97,032
1875	21,594	1916	88,000		
1880	24,985	1917	93,000		
1885	29,992	1918	91,000		
1890	40,117	1919	91,500		
1895	52,200	1920	93,033		
1900	61,643	1921	94,500		
1901	63,000	1922	98,000		
1902	65,273	1923	99,000		
1903	67,500	1924	100,440		
1905	69,272	1925	99,032		
1906	70,875	1926	101,000		
1907	72,000	1927	102,000		
1908	75,500	1928	104,000		
1909	75,500	1929	105,000		
1910	77,236	1930	103,604		

School Census

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age inclusive, October 1, 1955	16,302
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School Registration

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age inclusive, October 1, 1955		
In public schools	10,311	
In private schools	5,977	
Total	16,288	
Number of compulsory school age, 7 to 15 inclusive:		
In public schools, males	4292	
females	3858	
In private schools, males	2572	8150
females	2504	
Total		5076
Total		13,226

TABLE 8—ATTENDANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

For School Year 1954-1955

Schools	Annual Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	No. Attending In October	No. Attending In June
High	2,182	2,017	1,855	91.97	2,133	1,992
Northeastern Junior..	899	859	775	90.22	860	846
Southern Junior	946	858	793	92.42	881	840
Western Junior	865	860	784	91.16	860	830
Vocational	293	222	195	87.84	260	142
Prescott	503	419	387	92.36	434	442
Hanscom	313	291	267	91.75	286	294
Bennett	204	164	148	90.24	178	145
Baxter	122	119	107	89.92	121	115
Knapp	258	239	221	92.47	247	240
Perry	173	158	141	89.24	163	148
Pope	189	170	158	92.94	175	167
Cummings	357	327	297	90.82	330	321
Edgerly	296	281	250	88.97	281	276
Glines	494	471	432	91.71	480	453
Grimmons	323	344	302	87.79	302	361
Forster	837	770	705	91.55	798	767
Bingham	416	374	347	92.78	391	365
Carr	410	368	341	92.66	386	371
Morse	349	333	312	93.69	341	336
Proctor	263	245	224	91.43	245	247
Durell	101	94	88	93.62	95	87
Burns	333	316	286	90.51	324	310
Brown	381	350	329	94.00	365	351
Cholerton	147	202	186	92.07	204	199
Hodgkins	399	373	348	93.29	389	362
Cutler	892	849	769	90.57	873	870
Lowe	204	186	172	92.47	179	191
Atypical Classes	182	158	138	87.34	153	145
Sight Saving Class	3	5	5	100.00	4	7
Cont. & Jr. Voc.	43	26	24	92.31	29	26
Total	13,377	12,448	11,386	91.46	12,767	12,246
Total for 1953-54 ...	13,499	12,566	11,560	91.99	12,914	12,373

TABLE 9—STATISTICS OF HIGH SCHOOL
For School Year Ending June, 1955

Number of teachers, including Head Master	118
Number of days school kept	180
Number enrolled	2,155
Average number belonging	2,016.80
Average daily attendance	1,854.89
Tardiness	6,288
Dismissals	619
In class of 1957, September	763
June	704
Per cent of loss	9.3
In class of 1956, September	711
June	658
Per cent of loss	9.2
In Class of 1955, September	629
June	625
Per cent of loss	9.9
Special Students, September (Post Graduates)	6
June	5
Per cent of loss	8.3
Number of graduates, male (includes 5 in Armed Forces)	296
Number of graduates, female	317
Total	613
Average Age, male graduates	18
Average Age, female graduates	17.6

TABLE 10—PUPILS BY GRADES, JUNE 1955

SCHOOL.	GRADE.	TEACHERS.			PUPILS.			Never in First Grade Before
		Men.	Women.		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
			Regular.	Assistants.				
High	Post Graduate				4	1	5	
	Twelfth				306	314	625	
	Eleventh				320	338	658	
	Tenth				311	393	704	
	Total	60	61		941	1,051	1,992	
Junior High	Ninth				399	393	792	
	Eighth				426	386	812	
	Seventh				441	471	912	
	Total	61	59		1,266	1,250	2,516	
Elementary	Sixth	11	18		486	432	918	
	Fifth	14	15		438	379	817	
	Fourth		30		433	388	821	
	Third		39		592	531	1,123	
	Second		40		622	528	1,150	
	First		41		651	571	1,222	
	Total	25	183		3,222	2,829	6,051	
Kindergarten			20	14	699	668	1,367	
	Special	2	11					
	Sight Saving		1		2	5	7	
	Cadets	1	6					
	Atypical	3	9		88	57	145	
	Vocational	21			142		142	
	Americanization		1					
	Continuation & Jr. Vocational	2			26		26	
	Independent Household Arts		1					
	Total	29	29		258	62	320	
	Supervisors and Principals, etc.	18	4					
	Grand Total	193	356	14	6,386	5,860	12,246	

**TABLE 11 — PUPILS IN HIGH, JUNIOR HIGH, ELEMENTARY,
VOCATIONAL AND CONTINUATION SCHOOLS, 1954-1955**

	High	Junior High Schools	Elementary Schools	Kinder- gartens	Vocational School	Atypical Schools	Sight Saving Class	Jr. Voc. and Cont. Schools	Total
Annual Enrollment	2182	2710	6506	1458	293	182	3	43	13,377
Average Membership	2017	2577	6104	1339	222	158	5	26	12,448
Average Attendance	1855	2352	5661	1156	195	138	5	24	11,386
Per cent of Attendance ..	91.97	91.27	92.74	86.33	87.84	87.34	100.0	92.31	91.46
No. of Cases of Tardiness	6288	4060	3309	128	1762	233	3	82	15,865
No. of Cases of Dismissal	619	1465	1468	24	285	60	0	21	3,942
Membership Oct. 1954 ...	2133	2601	6115	1472	260	153	4	29	12,767
Membership June 1955 ..	1992	2516	6051	1367	142	145	7	26	12,146

TABLE 12—NUMBER OF PUPILS ADMITTED TO GRADE 1 IN SEPTEMBER

School	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Prescott	63	64	65	65	54
Hanscom	32	50	29	29	38
Bennett	15	40	32	31	—
Baxter	23	30	19	17	11
Knapp	22	26	24	20	18
Perry	35	32	35	25	23
Pope	19	33	30	34	31
Cummings	45	70	59	47	50
Edgerly	33	67	62	62	59
Glines	46	83	84	90	77
Grimmons	25	64	63	51	65
Forster	43	111	104	114	97
Bingham	85	72	52	52	54
Carr	29	60	60	56	41
Morse	42	72	58	49	52
Proctor	29	49	41	31	29
Durell	23	28	25	25	17
Burns	41	84	78	64	53
Brown	42	48	44	54	38
Hodgkins	46	83	60	49	52
Cutler	110	136	138	141	110
Lowe	61	51	40	40	55
Total	900	1,347	1,202	1,146	1,024

TABLE 13—EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTIONS

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS, JUNE, 1955

Promotion from the eighth grade to the ninth grade in the Junior High School corresponds to the promotion from the last grade of an elementary school to the High School.

SCHOOL	Number in Class in June	No. Promoted to Grade 9	No. Entering Grade 9	No. Entering Schools Outside City	No. Going to Work	No. Not Located	No. Entering Vocational School	No. Entering Other Junior High Schools In City
Northeastern Junior High	263	239	223	12	0	0	3	1
Southern Junior High	273	255	238	5	2	0	5	5
Western Junior High	272	253	229	16	1	0	6	1
Total	808	747	690	33	3	0	14	7

TABLE 13a—NINTH GRADE PROMOTIONS

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS, JUNE, 1955

Promotion from the ninth grade to the tenth is the promotion from the Junior High School to the Senior High School. The tenth grade corresponds to the second year of a four-year High School.

SCHOOL	Number in Class in June	No. Promoted to High School	No. Entering Somerville High School	No. Entering Other Schools, Public or Private	No. Going to Work	No. Not Located	No. Entering Vocational School	No. Remaining at Home
Northeastern Junior High	284	279	249	18	4	0	8	0
Southern Junior High	268	231	202	18	6	0	5	0
Western Junior High	249	244	230	10	1	0	3	0
Total	801	754	681	46	11	0	16	0

TABLE 14
COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF THE ATTENDANCE DEPARTMENT
For School Year 1954-1955

	1954	1955	Change
Number of visits to the schools	381	481	+ 100
Number of visits to the homes	3449	4048	+ 401
Number of cases to be investigated ..	3277	3704	+ 427
Number of cases found to be truancy or absenteeism	326	352	+ 26
Number of different pupils who were truants or habitual absentees	180	191	+ 11
Number of truants for first time	99	105	+ 6
Number who were truants for the second time	40	46	+ 6
Number who were truants for three or more times	41	40	— 1
Number of girls who were truants or absentees	169	82	— 87
Number of visits to mercantile or manufacturing establishments	1	0	— 1
Number of minors found to be work- ing without employment certificates	1	1	—
Number of employment certificates issued to boys	7	4	— 3
Number of employment certificates re-issued to boys	3	—	— 3
Number of employment certificates issued to girls	3	—	— 3
Number of employment certificates re-issued to girls	1	—	— 1
Number of educational literate cer- tificates issued to minors over 16 years of age (first issue)	1892	2994	+ 1102
Number of newspaper licenses issued to boys 12 to 16 years of age	38	54	+ 16
Number of transfer cards investigated	2117	3088	+ 971
Number of cards forwarded	1107	1268	+ 101
Number of truants in County training School at the close of the year	—	—	—
Amount of board paid for truants	—	\$41.71	\$41.71

Disposition of truancy and habitual absentees cases

Warned and returned to schools	151
Left School (over 16)	21
Removed from City	7
Obtained certificates	1
Sent to House of Good Shepherd	1
Sent to Youth Service Board	6
Sent to County Training School	0
Sent to Division of Child Guardianship	1
Transferred to other schools	3
	191

TABLE 14a
TRUANCIES AND HABITUAL ABSENTEEISM BY AGES AND GRADES

GRADE.	BY AGES.											Total.	
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17
I.....	1	2											3
II.....			1										1
III.....				2		1							3
IV.....				2	1	2	2						7
V.....					1	1	2						4
VI.....							3	7	1				11
VII.....							4	15	10	10			39
VIII.....								3	20	23	1		47
IX.....									5	24			29
X.....									5	2			7
XI.....													0
XII.....													0
Vocational									4	20	1		25
Ungraded							1	2	1	11			15
Total	1	2	1	4	2	4	12	27	46	90	2		191

TABLE 15
EVENING HIGH SCHOOL
Season 1954-1955

	Male	Female	Total
Enrolled	144	303	447
Average Membership	62	151	213
Average Attendance	50	101	151
Number of Teachers	4	5	9
Number of Sessions			56
Cost of Instruction	\$4,839.34		
Cost of Janitor, Fuel, Light and Supplies	9,436.35		
Total Cost	\$14,275.69		

TABLE 15a
EVENING PRACTICAL ARTS
Season 1954-1955

	Women	
Enrolled	377	
Average Membership	265.14	
Average Attendance	196.27	
Number of Teachers	7	
Number of Sessions	58	
Student Hours	11,119	
Cost of Instruction		\$3,768.41
Cost of Janitor, Fuel, Light and supplies		4,260.61
Total Expenditure		\$8,029.02
Reimbursement from State		1,889.70
Net Cost		\$6,139.32

TABLE 15b
AMERICANIZATION CLASSES
Season 1954-1955

	Male	Female	Total
Enrolled	103	113	216
Average Membership	65	97	162
Average Attendance	51.32	65.72	117.04
Number of Classes	8		
Number of Teachers	7		
Number of Sessions	41		
Membership Hours	21,060		
Cost of Instruction			\$6,897.50
Cost of Janitor, Fuel, Light and Supplies			4,016.10
Total Cost			\$10,913.60
Reimbursement from State			3,338.55
Net Cost			\$7,575.05
Net Cost per membership hour			\$36

TABLE 16—Promotions from Elementary to Junior High Schools

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Prescott	102	125	127	116	49	44
Hanscom	—	—	—	—	67	60
Bennett	20	15	26	17	19	16
Knapp	63	78	68	53	73	67
Pope	48	46	30	32	36	34
Cummings	37	33	32	29	32	34
Glines	30	34	57	35	52	41
Grimmons	24	28	36	30	27	30
Forster	82	82	76	70	87	102
Bingham	43	47	46	45	48	35
Carr	57	63	66	72	84	68
Morse	47	27	34	38	34	46
Proctor	34	21	20	36	37	25
Brown	35	36	34	35	41	39
Cholerton	31	65	81	88	83	89
Hodgkins	43	40	42	46	34	57
Cutler	70	88	88	87	115	102
Total	766	828	863	829	918	889
Average Member- ship of Elementary Schools	6391	6099	5815	6044	6579	6104
Per cent of Average Membership Pro- moted to Jr. High	11.99	13.58	14.84	13.72	13.95	14.56

**TABLE 17—ATTENDANCE STATISTICS
FOR A SERIES OF YEARS**

JUNE	ENROLLMENT	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Number of Tardinesses	Ratio of Tardiness to Average Attendance
1915	14,505	12,903	12,189	94.5	8,000	0.656
1916	14,647	13,191	12,323	93.4	9,373	0.761
1917	13,967	12,770	11,933	93.7	7,325	0.613
1918	14,256	12,656	11,798	93.2	8,970	0.760
1919	14,039	12,733	11,609	91.2	9,744	0.839
1920	14,091	12,836	11,807	91.9	11,628	0.993
1921	14,500	13,396	12,533	93.6	11,337	0.904
1922	15,225	14,004	13,160	94.0	11,620	0.883
1923	15,932	14,308	13,276	92.8	13,164	0.991
1924	16,092	14,554	3,647	93.8	12,528	0.918
1925	16,262	14,699	13,691	93.1	11,814	0.863
1926	16,687	15,042	14,074	93.6	12,256	0.871
1927	16,669	15,042	14,094	93.7	12,526	0.888
1928	16,807	15,190	14,232	93.1	15,160	1.065
1929	17,033	15,521	14,435	93.0	16,626	1.152
1930	16,851	15,632	14,666	92.8	13,904	0.948
1931	17,218	15,915	14,940	93.9	13,429	0.891
1932	17,389	16,030	15,104	94.2	15,634	1.035
1933	17,758	16,303	15,322	93.9	14,488	0.945
1934	17,903	16,616	15,591	93.8	14,962	0.960
1935	17,811	16,613	15,506	93.3	15,532	1.000
1936	17,926	16,707	15,470	92.6	13,656	0.982
1937	17,871	16,626	15,564	93.6	13,647	0.876
1938	17,762	16,623	15,551	93.6	14,508	0.932
1939	17,559	16,307	15,093	92.6	14,123	0.936
1940	17,486	16,325	15,276	93.6	15,572	1.019
1941	17,266	15,988	14,792	92.5	13,741	0.928
1942	16,416	15,170	13,939	91.9	13,797	0.989
1943	15,703	14,304	12,758	89.2	14,804	1.160
1944	14,975	13,742	12,296	89.5	18,497	1.504
1945	14,760	13,693	12,348	90.1	18,070	1.382
1946	14,811	13,670	12,347	90.3	14,937	1.209
1947	14,876	13,549	12,465	92.4	18,258	1.465
1948	14,591	13,507	12,263	90.7	16,087	1.312
1949	14,139	13,282	12,189	91.8	16,021	1.314
1950	13,888	12,957	11,966	92.4	16,189	1.352
1951	13,274	12,504	11,464	91.7	15,321	1.336
1952	13,384	12,465	11,293	90.6	14,042	1.243
1953	13,369	12,498	11,418	91.4	13,758	1.205
1954	13,499	12,566	11,560	92.0	13,810	1.195
1955	13,377	12,448	11,386	91.5	15,865	1.393

(For years prior to 1915 see School Report of 1917)

**TABLE 18—MEMBERSHIP, ETC., OF HIGH SCHOOL
FOR A SERIES OF YEARS**

YEAR.	Average Membership all Schools.	Largest Number in High School.	Per cent. of Average Membership of all Schools.	Number of Graduates of High School.	Per cent. of Average Membership of all Schools.
1914	12,320	2,111	18.18	273	2.35
1915	12,903	2,258	17.50	311	2.41
1916	13,191	2,288	17.35	348	2.64
1917	12,770	1,973	15.45	340	2.66
1918	12,656	1,520	12.01	332	2.62
1919	12,733	1,854	14.56	310	2.43
1920	12,836	1,714	13.35	241	1.87
1921	13,396	1,762	13.15	316	2.36
1922	14,004	2,037	14.55	613	4.38
1923	14,308	2,061	14.40	419	2.93
1924	14,554	2,104	14.45	497	3.41
1925	14,699	2,229	15.16	524	3.56
1926	15,042	2,230	14.82	524	3.48
1927	15,042	2,318	15.41	521	3.46
1928	15,190	2,366	15.51	513	3.38
1929	15,521	2,430	15.66	606	3.90
1930	15,632	2,500	15.99	564	3.61
1931	15,915	2,723	17.11	621	3.90
1932	16,030	3,033	18.92	770	4.80
1933	16,303	3,226	19.79	700	4.29
1934	16,616	3,442	20.71	847	5.10
1935	16,613	3,468	20.87	826	5.00
1936	16,707	3,626	21.70	856	5.12
1937	16,626	3,594	21.62	871	5.24
1938	16,623	3,626	21.81	920	5.53
1939	16,307	3,673	22.52	933	5.72
1940	16,325	3,775	23.12	996	6.10
1941	15,988	3,680	23.02	985	6.16
1942	15,170	3,348	22.07	906	5.97
1943	14,304	2,974	20.79	800	5.59
1944	13,742	2,719	19.78	677	4.93
1945	13,693	2,714	19.82	677	4.94
1946	13,670	2,850	20.85	688	5.03
1947	13,549	2,921	21.56	726	5.36
1948	14,591	2,751	18.85	742	5.09
1949	13,282	2,538	19.11	788	5.93
1950	12,957	2,278	17.50	646	4.98
1951	12,504	2,373	18.98	622	4.97
1952	12,465	2,237	17.95	641	5.14
1953	12,498	2,238	17.90	636	5.09
1954	12,566	2,177	17.32	566	4.50
1955	12,448	2,155	17.31	613	4.92

(For years prior to 1914 see School Report of 1917)

TABLE 19
PROMOTIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1955
Elementary Grades

GRADE.	On June Promotion List.	Unconditionally Promoted to next Grade.	Promoted on Trial.	Retarded.	Promoted more than One Grade.	Special Promo- tions during Year.	Promotees Dropped Back after Two Months' Trial
I	1,250	1,032	51	167	...	...	4
II	1,179	1,071	63	45	...	...	4
III	1,134	1,002	72	60	...	...	4
IV	877	757	89	31	...	...	1
V	796	660	99	36	...	1	4
VI	907	805	83	19	...	...	8
Total.....	6,143	5,327	457	358	...	1	25

PERCENTAGE OF PROMOTIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1955
Elementary Grades

GRADE.	On June Promotion List.	Unconditionally Promoted to next Grade.	Promoted on Trial.	Retarded.	Promoted more than One Grade.	Special Promo- tions during Year.	Promotees Dropped Back after Two Months' Trial
I	100	82.6	4.1	13.3	...	...	.03
II	100	90.8	5.4	3.8	...	...	.03
III	100	88.4	6.3	5.3	...	...	.03
IV	100	86.3	10.2	3.5	...	...	.01
V	100	83.0	12.5	4.5	...	1	.05
VI	100	88.8	9.1	2.1	...	...	.09
Average...	100	86.7	7.5	5.8	...	.02	.04

TABLE 19a
PROMOTIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1955
Junior High Schools

GRADE.	On June Promotion List	Unconditionally Promoted to Next Grade	Promoted on Trial	Retarded	Promoted more than One Grade	Special Promo- tions during Year	Promotees Dropped Back after Two Months' Trial
VII	910	752	91	67	.....	.....	1
VIII	781	633	89	59	.....	.....	..
IX	793	706	72	15	.....	.....	3
Total.....	2,484	2,091	252	141	.....	.....	4

PERCENTAGE OF PROMOTIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1955
Junior High Schools

GRADE.	On June Promotion List	Unconditionally Promoted to Next Grade	Promoted on Trial	Retarded	Promoted more than One Grade	Special Promo- tions during Year	Promotees Dropped Back after Two Months' Trial
VII	100	82.6	10.0	7.3	.....	.....	.1
VIII	100	81.0	11.4	7.6	.....	.....	.....
IX	100	89.0	9.1	1.9	.....	.....	.4
Average	100	84.2	10.1	5.7	.....	.....	.02

DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS BY AGES AND GRADES OCTOBER 1, 1955

GRADE		A G E																		TOTAL	Above Normal Age	Per cent. Above Normal Age
Kdgn.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 or over				
583	791			1															1,375	—		
1	421	644		84	10	1													1,165	.94		
2		307		646	98	17	3												1,071	1.86		
3				320	645	119	25	7											1,116	2.87		
4				1	379	526	81	34	8	1									1,030	4.17		
5						224	388	120	41	8									781	49		
6						5	242	359	119	41	11	4							751	56		
7								204	461	170	52	16							903	68		
8								8	250	399	155	45	8						865	53		
9									10	207	412	152	51	6					838	57		
10											205	426	143	36	5	1			816	42		
11											2	180	376	87	4	0	1		650	5		
12												7	334	215	36	6	1	1	600	8		
P. G.															5	1			6	0		
Total	583	1212	951	1057	1132	892	709	732	889	826	837	830	912	344	50	8	2	1	11,967			
Under Normal Grade																				444		
Per cent. Under Normal Grade																						

TABLE 20—RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, AND DEATHS OF TEACHERS IN 1955

SCHOOL	TEACHER	TOOK EFFECT	IN SERVICE
High	Alice M. Austin	Feb. 1955	25 yrs., 4 mos.
High	James P. Curtin	Apr. 14, 1955	22 yrs., 6 mos.
High	Marguerite A. Ellison	Apr. 30, 1955	29 yrs., 8 mos.
Northeastern	M. Ann Mirabello	Aug. 31, 1955	1 yr.
Bennett	Mary T. Shanahan	Feb. 11, 1955	7 yrs., 5 mos.
Perry	Mary A. Withington	Dec. 31, 1955	46 yrs., 4 mos.
Pope	Charlotte C. Quinn	Aug. 31, 1955	3 yrs.
Morse	Eunice F. Lanigan	Aug. 31, 1955	20 yrs.
Burns	Winifred C. Fitzgerald	Nov. 28, 1955	2 yrs., 3 mos.
Burns	M. Constance Macdonald	Mar. 1, 1955	13 yrs., 6 mos.
Principal, Forster District	Joseph S. Hawthorne	June 30, 1955	40 yrs.
Principal, Glines District	Wilfred H. Roberts	July 1, 1955	28 yrs.
Special	Arthur F. Sullivan	Mar. 14, 1955	20 yrs., 5 mos.
Superintendent's Office	Dorothea L. Shanney	Oct. 1, 1955	1 yr.

TABLE 21—ELECTIONS IN 1955

TEACHER	SCHOOL	COMING FROM	SALARY	SERVICE BEGAN
Norman Burns	High	Somerville	\$3300	Sept. 1, 1955
Chester F. Hill	High	Somerville	2900	Sept. 22, 1955
Francis X. Thornton	High	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
Russell Smith	High	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955
Catherine M. Sherman	Northeastern	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
Eleanor M. Shanahan	Western	Somerville	4200	Sept. 1, 1955
Mary E. Wilton	Hanscom	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
William A. Leahy	Knapp	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
John McDonald	Knapp	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955
William McDonald	Knapp	Somerville	2900	Sept. 1, 1955
Clare E. Bennett	Cummings	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955
Jeanne E. Bannon	Glines	Somerville	2900	Sept. 1, 1955
Marie A. Purcell	Grimmons	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955
Richard Heneghan	Forster	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955
Anne K. McGovern	Forster	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955
Patricia Owens	Forster	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
Margaret Travers	Forster	Somerville	4200	Sept. 1, 1955
Marie L. Ahern	Bingham	Somerville	3700	Sept. 1, 1955
Angelina Faccini	Bingham	Somerville	2900	Sept. 1, 1955
Patricia McSorley	Carr	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955
Ruth Buttery	Morse	Somerville	4200	Sept. 1, 1955
Helen P. O'Connor	Morse	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955
Frank A. Sestito	Morse	Somerville	2900	Sept. 1, 1955
Ann P. Lynch	Proctor	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955
Maurice J. Pomfret	Proctor	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
Winifred M. Crowley	Burns	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
M. Virginia Jennings	Brown	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
Edward G. Murray	Brown	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955

TABLE 21—ELECTION IN 1955—Continued

TEACHER	SCHOOL	COMING FROM	SALARY	SERVICE BEGAN
Ernest J. Bennett	Cholerton	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
John J. Madden	Hodgkins	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
Charlotte O'Brien	Hodgkins	Somerville	2900	Sept. 1, 1955
Rose Santosuosso	Cutler	Somerville	3300	Sept. 1, 1955
Alice W. Sullivan	Cutler	Somerville	3100	Sept. 1, 1955
Richard Lombard	Personeil Worker High School	Somerville	4825	Oct. 1, 1955
James Mooney	Head of Latin Dept. High School	Somerville	5400	Dec. 29, 1955
Bernard F. Koen	Northeastern	Somerville	5400	Dec. 29, 1955
Francis W. Escott	Principal, Knapp Dist.	Somerville	5200	Jan. 25, 1955
Walter Buckley	Principal, Bingham Dist.	Somerville	5600	Nov. 22, 1955
Joseph M. Thornton	Principal Healey Dist.	Somerville	6000	Nov. 30, 1955
Helen Armstrong	Principal's Assistant Perry	Somerville	4875	Dec. 19, 1955
Agnes O'Brien	Principal's Assistant Morse	Somerville	5200	Nov. 17, 1955
Mary McCarthy	Principal's Assistant Proctor	Somerville	5200	Nov. 17, 1955
Frances Shea	Principal's Assistant Burns	Somerville	4950	Nov. 17, 1955
A. Teresa Diotaiuti	Director of Remedial Reading	Somerville	5800	Sept. 1, 1955
Edward Harrington	Supervisor of Audio-Visual Aid	Somerville	5000	Dec. 28, 1955
William A. Howard	Supervisor of Elementary School Music	Somerville	5100	Sept. 14, 1955

TABLE 22—LEAVE OF ABSENCES

James Marchant.....	Leave of Absence, Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955
Mary L. Swansey.....	Sabbatical Leave, Feb. 1, 1955 to Feb. 1, 1956
Joseph B. Weene.....	Sabbatical Leave, School Year 1955-1956
Edward G. Giroux.....	Military Leave, April 17 to April 30, 1955
Lawrence J. Fitzpatrick..	Military Leave, June 6 to June 16, 1955
Alfred L. Perry.....	Military Leave, June 13 to June 24, 1955
Joseph F. Durant.....	Military Leave, June 16 to June 22, 1955
Dorothy T. Rice.....	Military Leave, June 20 to June 22, 1955
Daniel M. Toomey.....	Military Leave, June 6 to June 16, 1955
Edith H. Murchie.....	Leave of Absence, School Year 1955-56
Phyllis M. Angelo.....	Leave of Absence, School Year 1955-56
Margaret Donovan.....	Leave of Absence, Sept. 22 to Oct. 1
Anne Canniff.....	Leave of Absence, Sept. 26 to Oct. 7
Nerio F. Restani.....	Leave of Absence, School Year 1955-56
Perry Yanow.....	Leave of Absence, Sept. 22 to Nov. 4
Melvin T. Carver.....	Leave of Absence, March 28 to April 4
Charlotte T. Colbert.....	Leave of Absence, April 25 to April 29
Marie L. Ahern.....	Leave of Absence, School Year 1955-56
Ruby F. Sutherland.....	Sabbatical Leave, School Year—Effective Oct. 10, 1955
Wallace E. Sinclair.....	Leave of Absence Jan. 1, 1956 to Dec. 31, 1956

TABLE 23—TRANSFERS

Name	From	To
Mrs. Dorothy Merrifield	Prescott Special Class	Forster Special Education
Patricia Owens	Forster	Testing Program
James L. Sullivan	Bingham	High
Charles W. Buckley	Northeastern Jr.	High
Perry Yanow	Cholerton	Southern Junior
Claire Gorman	Western Jr.	Forster
Frances H. Shea	Bennett	Burns
Rita J. De Leo	Bennett	Brown
Ann M. O'Brien	Bennett	Cholerton
Julia M. Leddy	Bennett	Forster
Mrs. Abigail R. Bailey	Bennett	Pope
Mary T. Mahoney	Bennett	Pope
Nathaniel A. Colbert	High	Southern Junior

TABLE 24—NUMBER OF TEACHERS
FOR A SERIES OF YEARS

YEAR.	High School.	Junior High Schools.	*Elementary Schools.	Special Teachers.	Supv.s Prins. etc.	Assistants not in Charge of Room.	Contin.	Amer.	Men	Women	Total.
1917	70†	65	238	33		17	.....	.....	49	374	423
1918	70†	108	207	28		5	.....	.....	49	369	418
1919	70°	106	207	26		9	.....	.....	48	370	418
1920	69°	113	212	23		8	.....	.....	54	371	425
1921	75°	115	216	25		14	5	2	60	392	452
1922	72†	114	216	22		16	5	2	57	390	447
1923	75°	120	222	24		18	4	2	55	410	465
1924	76°	117	221	24		16	4	2	59	401	460
1925	76°	118	229	23		16	4	2	59	409	468
1926	75°	118	228	27		11	3	2	58	406	464
1927	77°	123	233	30		11	3	1	62	416	478
1928	80°	123	239	33		10	3	1	64	425	489
1929	88°	125	239	33		27	3	1	70	446	516
1930	95°	131	241	39		33	3	1	78	465	543
1931	104**	138	235	50		46	4	1	93	485	578
1932	105**	154	251	46		29	4	1	105	485	590
1933	106**	154	256	44		33	3	1	120	477	597
1934	116**	160	257	43		39	3	1	125	494	619
1935	116**	164	257	42		40	3	1	128	495	623
1936	120**	165	265	40		43	3	1	133	504	637
1937	126**	167	271	38		31	3	1	142	495	637
1938	133**	178	263	39		26	3	1	157	486	643
1939	127**	173	260	43		19	5	1	163	465	628
1940	129a	167	259	44		14	5	1	164	455	619
1941	129a	160	253	53		12	5	1	163	450	613
1942	127a	155	247	52		12	4	1	155	443	598
1943	118a	145	234	49		12	4	1	127	436	563
1944	113a	142	235	48		12	4	1	121	434	555
1945	110a	139	238	46		9	4	1	131	416	547
1946	127a	160	249	46		8	4	1	158	437	595
1947	119a	129	223	43	21	5	3	1	149	395	544
1948	119a	124	229	42	21	4	4	1	157	388	544
1949	123a	122	224	47	21	7	4	1	162	387	549
1950	127a	125	227	48	21	9	4	1	174	388	562
1951	127a	123	227	49	21	12	4	1	182	382	564
1952	125a	126	226	49	21	9	4	1	193	368	561
1953	124a	122	231	48	21	5	4	1	189	365	556
1954	124a	120	238	48	21	5	4	1	199	362	561
1955	121a	120	242	48	22	7	2	1	192	370	562

• Including Kindergartners
† Including a secretary.

** Including a secretary and two matrons.
• Including a secretary and a matron.
▲ Including two school nurses.

PART I

BOOKS TO BE ADDED TO THE AUTHORIZED LIST OF TEXTBOOKS—1955

A. ELEMENTARY

Grade

	The Macmillan Readers; The Macmillan Company; basal reading		
	Readiness Pictures (4 color, 18" x 24", set of 12), Gates-Huber-Salisbury		
1	Here We Come, Pre-Reading Book, Pupils Edition; Gates-Huber-Salisbury		
1	Teachers Edition, Here We Come	Gates-Huber-Salisbury	
1	Splash, Pre-Primer 1	"	"
1	Tuffy & Boots, Pre-Primer 2	"	"
1	Preparatory Book to Splash and Tuffy and Boots; Gates-Huber-Salisbury		
1	Teachers Manual for Grade 1, Part 1	Gates-Huber-Salisbury	
1	At the Lake, Pre-Primer 3	"	"
1	Ted and Sally, Primer	"	"
1	Preparatory Book for Ted and Sally	"	"
1	Tommy Little, Supplementary Primer	"	"
1	Snow	"	"
1	Christmas Tree	"	"
1	Mr. and Mrs. Big	"	"
1	Teachers Manual for grade 1, Part 2	"	"
1	On Four Feet, Basal First Reader	"	"
1	Preparatory Book for On Four Feet	"	"
1	Two Boys and a Tree, Supplementary 1st Reader; Gates-Huber-Salisbury		
1	Three Little Elephants	Gates-Huber-Salisbury	
1	Toby	"	"
1	The Open Window	"	"
1	Teachers Manual for Grade 1, Part 3	"	"
2	Friends and Fun, Full Year 2nd Reader	"	"
2	Preparatory Book for Friends and Fun	"	"
2	Teachers Manual for Friends and Fun	"	"
2	Today We Go, 2nd Reader, 1st Semester	"	"
2	Preparatory Book to Today We Go	"	"
2	New Friends and New Places, 2nd Reader, 2nd Semester; Gates-Huber-Salisbury		
2	Preparatory Book to New Friends and New Places; Gates-Huber-Salisbury		
2	Teachers Manual for Grade 2, 2-Part Edition; Gates-Huber-Salisbury		
2	It Is A Big Country, Supplementary 2nd Reader; Gates-Huber-Salisbury		
2	Buster the Burro	Gates-Huber-Salisbury	
2	Skippy the Monkey	"	"
2	On A Tugboat	"	"
2	The Princess With the Dirty Face	"	"
3	Good Times Today and Tomorrow, Full year 3rd Reader; Gates-Peardon		
3	Preparatory Book for Good Times Today and Tomorrow; Gates-Peardon		
3	Teachers Manual for Grade 3, Full Year	Gates-Peardon	
3	Good Times Today, 3rd Reader, 1st Semester	"	"
3	Preparatory Book for Good Times Today	"	"
3	Good Times Tomorrow, 3rd Reader, 2nd Semester	"	"
3	Preparatory Book for Good Times Tomorrow	"	"
3	Teachers Manual for Grade 3, 2-Part Edition	"	"

3	Good Times Together, Supplementary 3rd Reader	"	"
3	Susan and the Sheep	"	"
3	Robin Fly South	"	"
3	A Cat Becomes Contented	"	"
3	Sandy in the Green Mountains	"	"
4	Sharing Adventures, Basal 4th Reader	Gates-Clark	
4	Preparatory Book for Sharing Adventures	"	"
4	Manual for Sharing Adventures	"	"
4	Sharing More Adventures, Supplementary 4th Reader	"	"
5	The World I Know, Basal 5th Reader	Gates-Peardon	
5	Preparatory Book to The World I Know	"	"
5	Teachers Manual to The World I Know	"	"
5	A World to Enjoy, Supplementary 5th Reader	"	"
6	All Around Me, Basal 6th Reader	Gates-Bartlett	
6	Preparatory Book to All Around Me	"	"
6	Teachers Manual to All Around Me	"	"
6	Stories to Enjoy, Supplementary 6th Reader	"	"
4-5-6	The First Book of Airplanes; D. C. Heath and Company; Jeanne Bendick; Supplementary Reading		
4-5-6	The First Book of Horses; D. C. Heath & Co.; McMeekin; Supplementary Reading		
4-5-6	The First Book of Dogs; D. C. Heath & Co.; Taber; Supplementary Reading		
4-5-6	The First Book of Birds; D. C. Heath & Co.; Williamson; Supplementary Reading		
4-5-6	The First Book of Bees; D. C. Heath & Co.; Tibbets; Supplementary Reading		
4-5-6	The First Book of Trees; D. C. Heath & Co.; M. B. Cormack; Supplementary Reading		
4-5-6	The First Book of Presidents; D. C. Heath & Co.; Harold Coy; Supplementary Reading		
4-5-6	The First Book of Electricity; D. C. Heath & Co.; S. & B. Epstein; Supplementary Reading		
4-5-6	The First Book of America; D. C. Heath & Co.; Heal; Supplementary Reading		
4-5-6	The First Book of Japan; D. C. Heath & Co.; Helen Mears; Supplementary Reading		
	The Wonder Story Books; Row, Peterson and Company; Supplementary Reading		
4	It Must Be Magic — Huber-Salisbury		
5	They Were Brave and Bold — Huber-Salisbury-Huber		
6	The Tales They Tell — Huber-Salisbury-Huber		
	The Alice and Jerry Basic Readers; Row, Peterson and Company; Supplementary Reading		
4	The New Singing Wheels — O'Donnell		
5	The New Engine Whistles — O'Donnell		
6	The New Runaway Home — Coatsworth		
	Reading for Meaning Series; Houghton Mifflin Company; Supplementary Reading		
4	High Roads —	McKee, Harrison, McCowen, and Lehr	
5	Sky Lines —	"	"
6	Bright Peaks —	"	"
3	Climbing Higher —	"	"
1-2	Tiny Toosey's Birthday; Houghton Mifflin Company; LaRue; Supplementary Reading		
6	Stories to Remember (Developmental Reading Series); Lyons & Carnahan; Bond & Cuddy; (Classmate Edition); Supplementary Reading		

The Macmillan English Series; The Macmillan Company; basic textbooks

2 Talk, Read, Write, Listen; Pollock-Pollock-Bowden

3 Learning Together; Pollock-Bowden

4 Words Work For You; Pollock-Bowden

5 Using Language; Pollock-Forester

6 Sharing Ideas; Pollock-Straub

Good English Series; Laidlaw Brothers; basic textbooks

2 First Steps to Good English, Language Readiness; Ferris-Schmidt

3 Easy Steps to Good English; Shane-Ferris-Keener

4 On the Trail to Good English; Shane-Ferris-Keener

5 Pathways to Good English; Shane-Ferris-Keener

6 Building Good English; Shane-Ferris-Keener

3 Understanding Arithmetic 3; Laidlaw Brothers; McSwain-Ulrich-Cooke; basic textbooks

4 Understanding Arithmetic 4; Laidlaw Brothers; McSwain-Ulrich-Cooke; basic textbooks

5 Understanding Arithmetic 5; Laidlaw Brothers; McSwain-Ulrich-Cooke; basic textbooks

6 Understanding Arithmetic 6; Laidlaw Brothers; McSwain-Ulrich-Cooke; basic textbooks

Heath Elementary Science Series; D. C. Heath & Co.; Herman and Nina Schneider; supplementary textbooks

1 Science for Work and Play

2 Science for Here and Now

3 Science Far and Near

Science Today and Tomorrow Series; Ginn and Company; supplementary textbook

1 Science Near You — Craig-Bryan

2 Science Around You — Craig-Daniel

3 Science Everywhere — Craig-Lembach

4 Discovering with Science — Craig-Hurley

5 Adventuring in Science — Craig-Hill

B. JUNIOR HIGH

9 Modern Basic Typewriting; Pitman Publishing Corporation; Scott-Hamilton-Hertzfeld; basic textbook (Also Teacher's Edition)

9 Civics for Americans; The Macmillan Company; Clark-Edmonson-Dondineau; supplementary textbook

7 You and Your Health; (Health-Happiness-Success Series); Lyons and Carnahan; basic textbook

8 Science: A Story of Observation and Experiment 1; Henry Holt and Company; Davis-Burnett-Gross; supplementary textbook

8 Science: A Story of Experiment and Discovery 2; Henry Holt and Company; Davis-Burnett-Gross; supplementary textbook

7 Here and Everywhere; (The Macmillan Readers); The Macmillan Company; Gates-Beery-Crossen; supplementary literature textbook

9 Prose and Poetry for Enjoyment, Fifth Edition; L. W. Singer Company; Agnew-McCarthy; supplementary text

8 My Word Book; Lyons and Carnahan; Breed and Rogers; basic spelling textbook

8-9 General Printing; McKnight & McKnight Publishing Company; Cleeton-Pitkin; supplementary textbook

8 Parlez-Vous Francais?; D. C. Heath & Co.; Huebener-Neuschatz; basic text

7-8-9 Adventuring in Home Living, Book 1; D. C. Heath & Co.; Hatcher-Andrews; basic textbook

7 My Word Book; Lyons and Carnahan; Breed and Rogers; basic spelling textbook

C. HIGH

- 12 Gregg Speed Building Simplified; McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.; Gregg-Leslie-Zoubeck; basic textbook
- 12 Plane Trigonometry — With Five-Place Tables; Second Edition; D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc.; Weeks-Funkhouser; basic textbook
- 11 Business Arithmetic, Third Edition; Prentice-Hall, Inc.; McNelly-Adams; basic textbook
- 12 Fourth Year Latin; Allyn and Bacon; Carlisle-Richardson; basic textbook
- 11 Using Latin, Book Three; Scott, Foresman and Company; Horn-Gummere; basic textbook
- 11 United States History; American Book Company; Wirth; basic textbook
- 10 English in Action, Sixth Edition, Course 2; D. C. Heath & Co.; Tressler and Christ; basic textbook
- 11 English in Action, Sixth Edition, Course 3; D. C. Heath & Co.; Tressler-Christ; basic textbook
- 12 English in Action, Sixth Edition, Course 4; D. C. Heath & Co.; Tressler-Christ; basic textbook
- 10 Enjoying English, Second Edition, 10; L. W. Singer Company; Wolfe-Geyer; basic textbook
- 11 Enjoying English, Second Edition, 11; L. W. Singer Company; Wolfe-Geyer; basic textbook
- 12 Enjoying English, Second Edition, 12; L. W. Singer Company; Wolfe-Geyer; basic textbook
- 10 Pride and Prejudice (Classics for Enjoyment); Laidlaw Brothers; adapted by Mabel Dodge Holmes; supplementary textbook
- Literature: A Series of Anthologies; Revised Edition; The Macmillan Company; Supplementary textbooks
- 10 Types of Literature; Cross-Neal-Cross
- 11 Heritage of American Literature; Cross-Benscoter-Meacham
- 12 Heritage of British Literature; Cross-Daringer

D. TRADE HIGH

- 12 Let's Drive Right; Scott, Foresman and Company; Halsey; basic textbook

PART II

BOOKS TO BE DELETED FROM THE AUTHORIZED LIST OF TEXTBOOKS

A. ELEMENTARY

The Macmillan Readers; Gates et al. (Delete from supplementary list and add to Basal Reading List.)

- 1 Here We Come, Teacher's edition pre-reading
- 1 Splash, Pre-primer 1
- 1 Tuffy and Boots, Pre-primer 2
- 1 At the Lake, Pre-primer 3
- 1 Ted and Sally
- 1 Snow, Primer 1
- 1 The Christmas Tree, Primer 2
- 1 Mr. and Mrs. Big, A Farm Story, Primer 3
- 1 On Four Feet
- 1 Three Little Elephants, unit reader, first reader level
- 1 Toby, unit reader #5, first reader level
- 1 The Open Window, unit reader, first reader level
- 1 Two Boys and a Tree
- 2 Today We Go
- 2 New Friends and New Places
- 2 Friends and Fun
- 2 It Is A Big Country
- 3 Good Times Today and Tomorrow
- 4 Sharing Adventures
- 4 Sharing More Adventures
- 5 The World I Know
- 5 A World to Enjoy
- 6 All Around Me

B. JUNIOR HIGH

- 7 Master Key Arithmetics, Grade Seven; Clapp
- 8 Personal and Clerical Efficiency, Basic Course; Felter
- 9 Citizens Now; Krug and Quill
- 9 Civics Through Problems, Edmonson and Dondineau
- 8-9 Singing Teen-agers (Our Singing World Series); Pitts et al.
- 7 Young America's English, Book One; Daringer
- 8 Young America's English, Book Two
- 9 Young America's English, Book Three; Daringer-Sweeney
- 7-8 New Health and Growth Series: Growing Up Healthily
- 8 Understanding Our World, Book II; Carroll
- 9 Prose and Poetry for Enjoyment, Fourth Edition
- 7 My Word Book, Breed and Seale, Grade 7
- 8 My Word Book, Grade 8; Breed and Seale
- 7-8-9 Experiences in Homemaking; Laitem and Miller

PART III

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD, 1956
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Somerville, Massachusetts

1956

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Superintendent of Schools

EVERETT W. IRELAND

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The Superintendent's Office will be open on school days from 8:00 to 4:30.
His office hour is 3:30 on school days.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

LEO C. DONAHUE
108 Summer Street

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD, 1956 — Continued**Superintendent's Office Force**

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Standing Committee of the Whole

With Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen designated to act during such times as the matters set opposite their names are under discussion:

TEACHERS	McLaughlin, Ciampa, Bowdring
FINANCE	Ciampa, Bretta, McLaughlin
CURRICULUMS AND INSTRUCTION	Bretta, Bowdring, Coyne
HEALTH, PHYSICAL TRAINING AND ATHLETICS	Casey, Ciampa, Bretta
INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION	Coyne, Brennan, Casey
SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS	Brennan, Casey, McLaughlin
RULES AND REGULATIONS	Bowdring, Brennan, Coyne

Meetings

January 3, 24	June 12, 26
February 14, 28	September 11, 25
March 13, 27	October 9, 23
April 10, 24	November 13, 27
May 8, 22	December 11, 18

NUMBER OF PUPILS BY SUBJECTS

December, 1955

English	2047
Physical Education	1399
United States History	682
World History	264
Ancient History	218
Economic and Civic Problems	145
Latin	231
French	227
Spanish	99
Italian	74
German	14
Chemistry	250
Physics	151
Astronomy and Geology	45
Physiology	44
Biology	334
Mathematics Beta	73
Mathematics Gamma	30
General Mathematics	260
Geometry	212
Algebra	280
Secretarial Training	79
Transcription	79
Stenography	206
Typewriting	578
Bookkeeping	84
Clerical Practice	348
Business Records	409
Office Machines	107
Retail Distribution	38
Business Management	59
Business Organization	288
Economic Geography	439
Commercial Law	174
Occupations	635
Household Arts	113
Home Nursing	134
Fine Arts	21
Art	192
Art Appreciation	59
Art in Retail Distribution	19
Crafts	45
Mechanical Drawing	164
Manual Training	79
Music Theory	58
Music Appreciation	452
Choral Practice	91
Pre-Driving (1st half year)	65
Pre-Driving (2nd half year)	0
Banking	127
Lip Reading	12

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

December, 1955

Student Council	33
School Paper	85

Traffic Squad	17
National Honor Society	60
Portia Debating Society — Girls'	25
Webster Debating Society — Boys'	23
Players Club	42
Camera Club	19
Girls' Bugle & Drum	34
Band	78
Cheer Leaders	24
Girls' Athletics	291
Boys' Athletics	277
Girls' Glee Club	222
Boys' Glee Club	153
Junior Red Cross	2027
Girls' Choir	61
Art Club	36
Library Club	18
Chess Club	24
Aeronautics Club	19

STUDENTS ENTERING HIGHER INSTITUTIONS IN SEPTEMBER 1955

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGES	33
Boston	13
Bridgewater	5
Fitchburg	1
Framingham	1
Lowell	1
Salem	8
Connecticut	1
Indiana	1
New Hampshire	1
Maine	1

COLLEGES, UNIVERSITY and ENGINEERING SCHOOLS	168
Arizona State U.	1
Babson Institute	1
Bob Jones U.	1
Boston College	15
Boston University	31
Brandeis University	3
Brown University	1
Concordia Collegiate I.	1
Emerson College	2
Florida State U.	1
Harvard College	1
Houghton College	1
Jackson College	1
Lowell Tech. Inst.	1
Mass. Col. of Pharm.	4
Mass. Inst. Tech.	2
Mass. Sch. of Art	2
Mercer University	1
Merrimack College	1
Mitchell College	1
Northeastern U.	49
Oklahoma City Col.	1
Pasadena City Col.	1

Providence Col.	1
Purdue University	1
Radcliffe College	1
Rider College	1
St. Michael's College	1
Simmons College	2
So. Illinois U.	1
Springfield College	1
Stockbridge Sch. of Agri.	1
Suffolk University	5
Tufts College	11
University of California	2
University of Maine	1
University of Maryland	1
University of Massachusetts	13
University of New Hampshire	1
University of St. Louis	1

JUNIOR COLLEGES 4

Endicott	1
Fisher	1
Lasell	1
Wood	1

OTHER INSTITUTIONS 24

Bentley School	1
Boston Dispensary	1
Cooper Union Art School	1
Forsyth School	2
Franklin Inst.	2
Maine Maritime Academy	1
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	1
Museum of Fine Arts School	1
R. C. A. Inst.	1
R. I. School of Design	1
Wentworth Inst.	12

HOSPITALS 24

SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1955	\$10,696.71
Appropriation	10,000.00
Football	9,247.04
Basketball (Including Tournament Tickets)	11,202.23
Eastern Mass. Tournament Committee	175.05
New England Tournament Committee	376.45
Sale of Student Bus Tickets	72.00
Sale of Tonic and Chips	416.40

\$42,185.88

Expenditures:

Athletic Equipment and Supplies	\$9,180.02
Cleaning and Repairing Equipment	1,095.60
Transportation	1,151.50
Officials	827.00
Police Details	989.00
Supervision, Ticket Sellers and Collectors	850.00
Custodians	131.00
Timers, Scorers, and Announcers	90.00
P. A. System	90.00
Entry Fees and Dues	124.75
Meals	420.01
Medical Services	888.50
Medical Supplies	137.67
X-Rays	64.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	558.58
Rink Rental	369.00
Printing and Tickets	245.42
Tonic and Potato Chips	231.00
Telephone	195.52
Football Films	192.00
Guarantees	3,009.77
Boston Garden (Tournament Tickets)	8,049.00
Total	\$28,889.34
Balance Carried forward to 1956	13,296.54
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	\$42,185.88

REPORT OF THE FACULTY MANAGER

From January 1, 1955 to January 1, 1956

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1955	\$428.69
Minstrel Show	743.45
Basketball Games	46.20
Football Games	564.20
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	\$1,782.54

Expenditures:

Athletic and Medical Supplies	\$237.72
Cleaning Equipment	166.95
Transportation	230.50
Officials	264.00
Police Officers	103.00
Attendants at Games	75.00
Custodians	40.00
Athletic Awards	203.50
Dues—Eastern Mass. Vocational League	15.00
Dues—Mass. Secondary Principals Asso.	10.00
Entry Fee—Bay State Basketball Tournament	5.00
Play off — ½ expenses of playoff game for Basketball Championship of League	15.25
Photographer	6.75
Telephone	11.65
Postage	3.00
Miscellaneous	10.42
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	\$1,397.74
Balance in Treasury January 1, 1956	\$384.80

SOMERVILLE TEACHERS' CLUB**OFFICERS FOR 1954-1955**

- President — KATHARYN A. McCANN
First Vice-President — MARGARET M. BRENNAN
Second Vice-President — ISOBEL M. CHENEY
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Corresponding Secretary — M. LILLIAN O'NEILL
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Auditor — E. BELLA WEISMAN

OBJECT

The object shall be to secure a close union among the women teachers in Somerville; to promote the spirit of mutual helpfulness; to advance professional interest; to create a deeper sense of the dignity of the profession; to unite the interest of the home and school.

PROGRAM FOR 1954-1955**OCTOBER 21—FALL MEETING**

Speaker: Miss Helen O'Brien — "Hawaii"

DECEMBER 14—CHRISTMAS PARTY

Musical Program — Mrs. John Casey

FEBRUARY 15—VALENTINE TEA

Speaker: Mr. Thomas Kearns
Bureau of Internal Revenue
"Changes in Internal Revenue Code"

MARCH—SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE**JUNE 13—SUPPER MEETING**

Election of Officers
Speaker: Miss Mary Handy, Reporter
Christian Science Monitor

SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

The graduation exercises of the High School and Trade High School occurred Monday, June 6, 1955.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

WILLIAM J. SHEA, Chairman of the School Committee, Presiding
Salute to the Flag of the United States of America

1. MARCH—"Pomp and Chivalry" Roberts
High School Band
2. PRAYER Reverend Nazareno Properzi, P.S.S.C.
Pastor, St. Anthony's Church, Somerville
Response—Gottschalk Old German
Choral Club
3. SALUTATORY ADDRESS—"What is Greatness?"
Robert J. Ghioni
4. ADDRESS Hon. John F. Gilmore
Presiding Justice, Charlestown Municipal Court
5. CLASS POEM—"Departure"
Charles F. Brophy
6. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS—
High School
Albert G. Ciampa and Mrs. Eleanor S. Coyne
Members of the School Committee
Trade High School
Edward F. Moynihan, Jr. and Mrs. Sarah M. McLaughlin
Members of the School Committee
7. SELECTION—"One God" Drake and Shirl
Choral Club
8. CLASS ODE—To the Class of 1955
Eileen Geer
9. SINGING OF THE ODE—High School Senior Class
10. PRESENTATION OF PRIZES—
Albert H. Giroux, Headmaster, High School
Philip J. Heffernan, Principal, Trade High School
11. VALEDICTORY ADDRESS—"Science and Man"
Carol J. Greenough
12. BENEDICTION Reverend William T. Howe
Pastor, Winter Hill Congregational Church, Somerville
13. RECESSIONAL—"Honor and Progress" Bizier
High School Band

SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

LIST OF GRADUATES

June, 1955

*Graduated with Honor

GIRLS

*Frances C. Accorto
 Frances Anne Adams
 Joan Anne Albani
 Beverly Ann Allen
 Helen Sandra Anargeros
 *Judith Belyea Anderson
 Rosalind Jane Anderson
 Collette Angelis
 Mary Ann Angelo
 Virginia D. Ardito
 Elizabeth Sheila Bailey
 Barbara Ann Balboni
 *Irene Rose Ballotta
 Loretta Beverly Baratta
 Joan Rita Barchey
 Eleanor Joan Barrett
 Marjorie Ann Barrett
 Lois Mae Bennett
 *Dorothy A. Bernicchi
 Claire Marie Bertocchi
 Rosalie Eleanor Bertocchi
 Jeanette Marie Bertolaccini
 Marilyn Ann Bertrand
 Stefanie Bianchino
 Louise E. Binari
 Valerie Dale Birchall
 Betty Jane Birkemose
 Emily Frances Bisesti
 Kathleen Ione Blanchard
 Barbara Ann Bodkin
 Beverly Elaine Bradley
 Anne Marie Brennan
 Lynn Esther Brezinsky
 Beverly Audrey Brown
 S. Ann Brown
 Mary Elizabeth Buckley
 Maddalena Civita Buonomo
 Carol Ann Busby
 Pauline Lee Butt
 Catherine Jane Butterworth
 *Mary Anne Cahalan
 Barbara Ann Caiani
 Joan Frances Callinan
 H. Joan Camacho
 Alice M. Carey
 Jean Frances Carr
 Jean Agnes Carter
 Eileen Veronica Casserly
 Carol Helene Celli
 Rose Alice Cesario

Adrianna Chaprales
 Rose Ciano
 *Josephine A. Ciccariello
 Ellen Alice Clark
 Roberta Fay Clayman
 Tanya Louise Coddair
 *Rosalie A. Colozzo
 *Beverly Jean Conn
 Ann Elizabeth Connolly
 Mary Theresa Conroy
 Mary Ann Contrada
 Rita Eileen Corazzini
 Jeanette L. Correia
 Annette M. Cottam
 Janet Coughlin
 Catherine P. Cremon
 Dolores Ann Cummings
 Joan Marie Currier
 Theresa Adele Daly
 Anne Louise Danner
 Dorothy Ann Davies
 Lola Kathleen Davis
 Marilyn Georgette Davis
 *Dorothy Jean Day
 Deanna Mary DeCrescenzo
 Evelyn A. DelGaudio
 Marie Lucy DeLuca
 Theresa A. DeLuca
 Mary Julia Devereaux
 Patricia Frances Devlin
 Eunice Anne Dewsnap
 Marie Ann DiGiovanni
 Irene Louise DiRusso
 Joan Marie Dobson
 Elaine Mary Dominic
 Helen Patricia Donahue
 Angelina Donato
 Catherine Mary Donnellan
 Helen Frances Donovan
 Lois Ann Donovan
 Rosalie Lena Drago
 Ellen Esther Driscoll
 Patricia Joanne Drury
 Mary R. Duarte
 Cora Helena Dunne
 Virginia A. Dunne
 Celia Marie Elias
 *Jane Elizabeth Emerson
 Helen Josephine Ferman
 Beverly A. Field
 Shirley Jane Fifield

- Mary Theresa Figurito
 Pauline Theresa Finelli
 Elinor Marion Finigan
 Louise Mary Finnell
 Dianne L. Fitzgerald
 Joan M. Fitzgerald
 Claire J. Fitzpatrick
 Alice Jane Flaherty
 Barbara J. Flynn
 *Theresa Ann Foppiano
 Hildegard L. Forsberg
 Virginia Lillian Fratus
 Gilda Fustolo
 Dorothy Louise Fyfe
 Lorraine Frances Fitzgerald
 Patricia Ann Gates
 *Eileen F. Geer
 Janet Pauline Geswell
 Mary Ann Gillette
 Lorraine Louise Giordano
 Mary Helen Gosbee
 MariLynn Ruth Gove
 Adrienne Marie Grande
 *Roberta Grant
 Patricia F. Greco
 Carole Joan Green
 *Carol Jean Greenough
 Anna Jane Hachey
 Mary Hamwey
 *Carole Ann Hansen
 Bernadette M. Harris
 Joan Dorothy Hensley
 *Lois Howland
 Mary A. Jackowitch
 Carol Ann Jewers
 Anne Frances Johanson
 Patricia Katherine Kalenderian
 Elinor T. Kana
 Barbara Jean Kappel
 *Ruth Elizabeth Keddy
 *Cecelia Raye Keller
 Anne Marie Kelley
 Helen Louise Kelley
 Joan Helen Kelley
 Anne Rita Kelly
 Ann Marie Lafferty
 Patricia Anne LaGammo
 Patricia M. Landers
 Teresa Louise Lane
 Helen Elizabeth Laughlin
 Carole L. Lees
 Elaine H. Lees
 Joanne Mary Lepore
 *Norma Elsie Libardoni
 Nancy Ann Lincoln
 Rose Geraldine Lionetti
 Marie Catherine Lonero
 Marie Gertrude Lowry
 Susan Marie Lucreziano
 Loretta Angela Lupi
 Mary Lydon
 Nancy J. Lynch
 Rita Agnes Lynch
 Marilyn Audrey MacDonald
 *Mary Frances Maciel
 Mary Louise MacKenzie
 Anne Audrey MacLeod
 Loretta Agnes Mahoney
 Mary Ann Mahoney
 Carol Marie Malcolm
 Elizabeth Ann Malcolm
 Mary Anne Mammola
 Constance R. Mancuso
 Elizabeth Florence Maney
 Helene Ann Mangan
 Kathryn M. Marenna
 Jean Thelma Marino
 Ruth Ann Martin
 Carmela Mascis
 Maria Concetta Mastrangelo
 Ann Clorinda Mastrantuno
 Sally Ruth Matheson
 Rosalie J. McAllister
 Eileen Patricia McCarthy
 Helen Bernadette McCarthy
 Rita Ann McCarthy
 Edna M. McCarty
 Nancy A. McIsaac
 Lorraine McMahan
 Barbara Ann McRae
 Carole A. Meadows
 Eleanor Threase Medeiros
 Janet Ann Menino
 Janice Ann Menino
 Rosamond Marie Miele
 Marie Geraldine Milano
 Frances Marie Milewski
 Marilyn Ann Miller
 Shirley Ann Miller
 Camille A. Minichiello
 Nancy Ruth Montgomery
 *Isabelle Paris Mooradian
 Carol Moran
 Dorothy Ann Morgillo
 Marilyn Noreen Mortensen
 Hilda Marie Mucci
 Joan Beatrice Muldoon
 Mary Louise Mullen
 Catherine Eleanor Murphy
 Helen E. Murray
 Rose Marie Nardella
 H. Daphne Neal
 Constance Neofotistos
 Virginia Netos
 Joanne Marie Newman
 Lucy Ann Nichols
 Dolores F. Nicosia
 Carolyn Marie Niles

Phyllis Ann Nolan
 Lois Jean Nunziato
 Barbara L. O'Brien
 Margaret Anne Oja
 Barbara Lee O'Meara
 Joan Marie Ormes
 Mary Louise Pacific
 Mary Carol Pagurko
 Dorothy G. Paige
 Nancy J. Parkhurst
 Diane Parsons
 Joan Marie Passero
 *Clara C. Patalano
 Beatrice Marie Perry
 Gail L. Perry
 Joan Jama Phinney
 Nancy Marie Piccolo
 Diana M. Pioli
 Florence Jennie Pitcher
 Jean Evans Porter
 Marilyn Alice Powers
 *Barbara Ann Radochia
 Nancy A. Ramsey
 Rosalie Ann Regal
 *Laura Madeline Reid
 Margaret Anne Reilly
 Gloria A. Riccardi
 Patricia Jane Riordan
 *Patricia Ann Risser
 Carole Jean Rodenhizer
 Marie A. Rodrigues
 *Antionette Marie Romano
 Barbara Jean Ross
 Shirley Ann Rossi
 Irene Rozakis
 Serena Belle Rumson
 Corinne Marie Ryerson
 *Patricia Jane Sample
 Dorothy A. Santangelo
 Nancy Ann Santangelo
 Maria Francesca Sartori
 Pauline Scalfani
 Beatrice Anna Scheri
 Rosemary P. Sears
 Patricia Shanahan
 Jean Marie Sharkey
 Joan Marie Sharkey
 Deanna Shaw
 *Elaine J. Shepherd
 Mary Josephine Signoriello
 Janet Louise Silva
 Nancy Carroll Silva
 Sandra Ann Smaglis
 Carol Ann Smith
 Virginia Ann Smithers
 Kathryn Sousa
 Dolores P. Souza
 Jeanette Marie Souza
 Barbara Ann Squires

Joan Marie Staudinger
 *Joanne I. Steele
 *Grace Esther Steen
 Janice G. Stelin
 *Mary Louise Stiles
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 Sonja Stangby
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 Evelyn Marie Talmo
 JoAnn Jacqueline Tambuzza
 Marie Teresa Tassinari
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 Rosalie Ann Trubiano
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 Jean Marie Ventura
 Elaine Viveiros
 *Louise Ann Voishnis
 *Carolyn A. Wade
 Dolores Marie Walker
 Therese Ann Walker
 *Carolyn Joyce Wallace
 Judith Ann Watts
 Naomi Esther Webster
 Teresa Welby
 Ann Marie Welch
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 Mary Frances Werner
 *Dorothy Joyce West
 Patricia Ann Withrow
 Barbara G. Woodman
 Anne F. Yurko
 Harriet Irene Zango
 Elizabeth Zecchilli

BOYS

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 Donald John Allard
 Lawrence Frederick Allen
 Nicholas L. Amabile
 Joseph Peter Anastas
 Richard Herbert Anderson
 Mario Andrew Angelo
 Anthony Philip Antonuzzi
 John Richard Ardizzoni
 Edward Henry Arnold
 Robert Arnopp
 Elias Robert Ashey
 Daniel Martin Avila

- David Bruce Balcom
 Arthur Charles Barry
 Robert Edward Barry
 Ronald Richard Bazinet
 Paul William Bean
 Albert James Beaulieu
 Allen Bedrosian
 Arthur P. Beecher
 William Frederick Belcher, III
 Philip Gordon Bennett
 Jesse Edward Bent
 Francis Thomas Biggie
 Robert Graham Blackler
 Herbert Francis Bourne
 G. Edward Bradley, Jr.
 Robert P. Bradley
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 Bruce I. Brown
 Harvey Clayton Brown
 James C. Bryanos
 John William Buckley
 John Christopher Burke, Jr.
 Richard Michael Burns
 Melvin R. Burt, Jr.
 William F. Byers
 Richard David Cain
 Benjamin Camerano
 Anthony Joseph Cantalupa
 William Joseph Cardoso
 *Robert Ellsworth Carlton
 Kevin Thomas Carroll
 Kenneth E. Carter
 John Anthony Caruso
 Lionell A. Cascio
 Joseph Patrick Casey
 Daniel A. Catanzano
 Anthony Joseph Celli, Jr.
 Charles Anthony Christopher
 Anthony Stephen Cimorelli
 Cesare Anthony Cinganelli
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 Russell James Clayton
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 Brian Joseph Coady
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 George W. Costa
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 James John Covino, Jr.
 Richard James Coyne
 David Charles Cravo
 John Francis Crimmings
 Richard H. Cronan
 John Clifford Culpon
 Eugene Edward Curley
 Joseph P. Curran
 Anthony DaCosta
 Richard H. Danner
 Francis Roy Dean
 Donald Franklin deBruyn
 Robert Claude DeCruz
 Richard Kenneth Delmont
 Aaron Charles DerMarderosian
 Salvatore Vincent DeVellis
 John Joseph DeVincentis
 Anthony Salvatore DiMeo
 Joseph J. DiModica
 *Henry Joseph Dionne
 Joseph Robert Donnaruma
 Robert Lee Dovidio
 Robert Salvatore Dovidio
 John J. Drew
 Edward Lucien Ducharme, Jr.
 Clayton Francis Dumas
 Edward F. Emery
 Ernest Eramo, Jr.
 Walter Albert Falkenstrom
 John Francis Falvey
 Charles Edward Farr
 Louis Thomas Farrah
 Edward Patrick Farren
 Richard S. Fedele
 Anibal Ferreira
 David James Finucane
 David Charles Fitzgerald
 Raymond P. Forcina
 Thomas J. Foster
 Thomas Charles Fournier
 John Joseph Franovich
 Richard Eugene Freitas
 William David Gallant
 Robert Edward Gayne
 Robert Joseph Ghioni
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 Thomas R. Giangrande
 Robert Giordano
 David M. Goddard
 Nicholas P. Goffredo
 Warren Joseph Going
 Goldburn Nathaniel Goodridge, Jr.
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 Robert W. Greenwood
 William Kenneth Griffin
 Paul Salvatore Guglietta
 Charles Peter Guglietta
 James D. Haff
 James Francis Hagan
 Albert E. Hamwey
 Richard Earl Hardy
 Robert William Harrington
 Edward Joseph Harrison, Jr.
 William J. Harron
 John Joseph Hartnett

William Leo Heafey
 Paul Elvin Henderson
 Paul Simon Heneghan
 Paul E. Hirshson
 William Francis Holden
 Michael Holland
 Ronald Arthur Holland
 * John Clifford Holmy
 Paul Robert Howard
 Richard J. Howe
 * Laurence Edward Humber
 Cecil J. Hunt
 Ronald R. Ineson
 Robert George Jackson
 Robert Melvyn Jamieson
 Alfred Louis Jean
 Leo Johnson
 Harold F. Jones
 Douglas Paul Jordan
 John Edward Joubelakas
 Philip Allan Keane
 Edward James Kelley
 Michael J. Kelley
 Thomas Joseph Kelly
 Edward Francis Kennedy
 Daniel D. Kiley
 Robert Elsworth Kilty
 Steven Anthony Kourepenis
 Benjamin Kupferman
 Richard Paul LaCapria
 John Joseph Leahy
 * Edmund Joseph LeBlanc, Jr.
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 Vincent J. Leccese
 John A. Locke, III
 Thomas Francis Long
 Thomas Francis Lynch
 Alfred Macaris
 Alan MacDonald
 Owen MacEachern
 Frederick S. MacFadgen
 Robert Gordon MacKenzie
 David L. Malloy
 William Giles Manchester
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 Marco Lido Marchi
 Edward Salvatore Marino
 Richard W. Martell
 Walter F. Mattos
 John Joseph McCann
 Paul D. McCarthy
 Richard Francis McCloskey
 Frederick William McGovern, Jr.
 George Eugene McLaughlin
 Herbert McLaughlin
 Norman Earl McLellan
 John David McLucas
 Thomas Joseph McNamara
 Thomas P. McNamara

Charles Richard McNutt
 Francis Jeremiah Meaney
 William F. Michaud
 Wayne C. Miles
 William Anderson Millar, Jr.
 Mark Mimos
 Anthony Joseph Mitrano
 Robert S. Mond
 John J. Moran
 Paul G. Moreau
 Roy Philip Mucci
 Francis Robert Mullane
 Cornelius Michael Murphy
 Daniel D. Murphy
 Victor C. Naimo
 Donald Elliot Nelson
 Ronald Joseph Noviello
 Paul Joseph O'Connor
 Robert Eugene O'Connor
 Robert Linehan O'Connor
 George D. O'Leary
 Dominic A. Paparo
 Bruce William Parsons
 * Stanley Pearlson
 Allan George Perrier
 Ralph Anthony Pescatore
 Allan John Philbrick
 * Alan Wayne Pierce
 Ronald C. Pine
 Paul John Pini
 William J. Pirozzi
 Roger Allison Plummer
 Earle Lawrence Prentiss
 Arthur J. Price
 James Anthony Puppo
 Alfred Robert Razzaboni
 Henry R. Razzaboni
 Robert L. Reidy
 Edward Paul Reister
 William Thomas Rhoda
 Louis Anthony Rigali
 Daniel J. Riley
 Richard Ronald Robinson
 William Richard Roderick
 Richard C. Rollins
 John Albert Romano
 William Richard Rose
 Rocco Francis Rossi
 * Robert Francis Rudolph
 Anthony Joseph Russo
 Michael Victor Russo, Jr.
 Michael P. Santosuosso
 Leo Anthony Schofield
 Edward Scioli
 Frank Anthony Scioli
 Joseph M. Sears
 Daniel Paul Shea
 Donald Richard Sheehan
 Robert Paul Sheehan

Charles Richard Silva, Jr.
 Stephen Louis Silveira
 Lawrence M. Smith
 Robert Raymond Sorabella
 Joseph A. Sordillo
 Thomas Theodore Sotiros
 Louis Sousa
 Robert Francis Sousa
 Salvatore Spignese, Jr.
 Steven D. Stavros
 Robert Sylvester Strokes
 Stephen M. Sugarman
 Frederick Joseph Sullivan
 John J. Sullivan
 John R. Swanfeldt
 Arnold V. Taddeo
 Henry F. Tanner
 Paul Francis Tedesco
 Michael Tenore
 Thomas L. Thibault
 Robert J. Thibedeau
 George A. Tierney
 Warren Lewis Tolman

Daniel Peter Toumbakis
 James W. Tribou
 James A. Trigilio
 Keith Lester Truesdale
 Paul R. Valiante
 Edward Vallery
 Dennis J. Vargeletis
 David Kenneth Vartabedian
 Gerald Armen Vartabedian
 Richard Benedict Ventura
 Anthony Benedetto Viola
 John M. Vitiello
 Arthur Donald Vivian
 Aaron Wasserman
 Lawrence Eric Weene
 George H. Wheaton
 Frank X. White
 Lawrence Wilson
 *Thomas Leroy Wilton
 Raymond A. Wright
 Albert N. Zengo
 John Baptiste Ziconi
 Frederick John Zirpolo

ARMED FORCES

Andrew Charles Chisari
 Joseph James Hutchison
 Clyde Bernard Murphy
 Ronald James Powers
 James Patrick Stanford

That Richard R. Smith be given a High School diploma as of September 1, 1955, he having passed the G. E. D. tests.

That Leo F. Henebury, Jr. be given a High School diploma as of December 27, 1955, he having passed the G. E. D. tests.

That a High School diploma be given James Ralph Thomas, as of February 28, 1955, in view of studies in Somerville High School, courses at the Somerville Veterans' Summer School and courses in the Armed Forces.

That Daniel Joseph Baker be given a High School diploma as of March 29, 1955, he having been a member of classes 1950-'51 and he having completed the necessary points therefor.

That Leroy P. Grassia be given a High School diploma as of September 22, 1955, he having passed the required work for a high school diploma.

SOMERVILLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

LIST OF GRADUATES

June, 1955

*Graduated with Honor

Arthur Ray Abbott
 John Joseph Annese
 Joseph J. Blanco
 *Arthur H. Chouinard, Jr.
 Kenneth J. Corbett
 Mario N. DiRusso

George Herbert Gormley
 Joseph A. Grace
 Robert James Jones
 Joseph A. LaVigne, Jr.
 Kenneth F. Lundgren
 Richard G. MacArthur

William Thomas Mann
 Carmen Leo Martorella
 Robert William McLean
 John F. McNeil
 Robert Joseph Murphy
 Richard E. Norton
 Ronald Carl Ogren
 Henry Joseph O'Meara

Eric George Price
 David J. Rooney
 John V. Ryan
 John Smith
 Paul Joseph Sullivan
 Richard J. Sullivan
 William J. White

NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1955

Junior High School Graduations occurred in the school buildings on June 16, 1955.

GIRLS

Marion P. Ahearn
 Sandra M. Amato
 Margaret Geraldine Anastas
 Marilyn Rheta Anderson
 Jane M. Antolini
 Lorraine E. Balben
 Joanne H. Barnes
 Linda Mary Bell
 Theresa H. Belliveau
 Louise Mary Bellone
 Dorothy M. Bennett
 Joanne Rachel Bennett
 Camille M. Bertolino
 Marianne B. Bobkin
 Celia A. Boyce
 Barbara J. Brown
 Margaret J. Buckley
 Jeanne Bullock
 Vivian Marie Camerlengo
 Patricia Ann Campbell
 Jennie M. Capuano
 Joyce Marion Carver
 Iris Muriel Carlson
 Rose Gloria Cefaioli
 Marion Chaprales
 J. Beverly Colatosti
 Brenda Jean Connor
 Julie A. Corsino
 Joanne Costello
 Lucille Coviello
 Patricia Ann Cram
 Martha J. Crowell
 Ann Marie Cullinane
 Marion M. Cummings
 Lucy R. DeBonis
 Rosalie A. DeLuca
 Marie A. DiCarlo
 Regina Ann DiChiappari
 Joan Marie DiGiovanni
 Rosalie Concetta DiPerna
 Margaret Rose Doherty
 Eleanor T. Dillon
 Kathleen V. Donovan
 Judith G. Dorey

Virginia Anne Dunbar
 Beverly A. Eskholme
 Jean M. Fallon
 Carol A. Fancy
 Mary Ellen Farren
 Nancy Ann Fay
 Mary Josephine Ferrelli
 Evelyn M. Fisher
 Mary G. Fitzgerald
 Carmella Foti
 Mary M. Fowler
 Barbara E. Gallagher
 Patricia L. Gallagher
 Marion Geary
 Barbara Helen Gerrior
 Patricia J. Glazebrook
 Laraine Gray
 Laurel Dorothy Gray
 Gloria Jean Hachey
 Mary Hakemian
 Janet Marie Hayden
 Patricia Henderson
 Joan L. Hilferty
 Eliza Holden
 Patricia A. Holden
 Marjorie Howe
 Beverly Ann Howland
 Georganna Indelicato
 Lucille Yvonne Ineson
 Janice K. S. Joy
 Frances Kehagias
 Mary Margaret Kelleher
 Ann Edith Klein
 Ruth Marilyn Kotell
 Barbara M. Lamb
 Rosalie Jean Lampedecchio
 Anna May Monica Lawrence
 Gloria Jean Lawrence
 Alice J. Lees
 Dosola C. Lotti
 Evelyn Lorraine Loveless
 Lorene A. Lucas
 Nancy Jean Lundgren
 Barbara D. Lupi
 Mary A. MacKinnon

Joan Marie R. Magliozzi
 Annette M. Mangano
 Kathleen Patricia Manning
 Beverly Ann Maxwell
 Joanne C. McCarthy
 Margaret E. McQuaid
 Carol Meagher
 Mary Roberta Meletti
 Madeline Merrick
 Joanna R. Miceli
 Helena Mitrano
 Lois F. Morris
 Dorothy L. Morrison
 Agnes A. Murphy
 Catherine Murphy
 Marilyn Murphy
 Ellen Murray
 Helen E. Nicosia
 Edna F. O'Brien
 Dorothy G. O'Hara
 Mary L. Pagano
 Sandra Lee Parkhurst
 Eleanora Mary Pellegrino
 Linda J. Pelton
 Maria Teresa Pescatore
 Eleanor C. Pierce
 Elizabeth S. Pinette
 Eunice Powers
 Jacqueline Quinn
 Christine M. Ruggiero
 Evelyn Anne Russo
 Elizabeth A. Saffelo
 Mary Ann Saffelo
 Veronica J. Sampalucia
 Marie Santomango
 Rose M. Scarfo
 Adeline M. Sciaraffa
 Patricia Gwendolyn Scolley
 Marilyn Rena Scutellaro
 Rosemary A. Siebert
 Rose Sgobbo
 Barbara R. Sherburne
 Virginia A. Simms
 Deanna I. Simonelli
 Deanna H. Simpson
 Carol M. Solari
 Rosemarie Sperrazza
 Joanne F. Spinazola
 Judith M. Strickland
 Rose Terranova
 Patricia Anne Thidedeau
 Annette Lyle Thibeault
 Hazel E. Thomas
 Eleanor Frances Thompson
 Dorothy E. Toland
 Carol A. Trudeau
 Lillian Tynan
 Carmela J. Vetrano
 Judith Parker Vidito
 Dolores M. Vieira

Josephine M. Wastaferrero
 Lois A. Wilson
 Patricia Ann Wilson

BOYS

Salvatore Abisso
 Neil Allen
 Joseph Robert Angelo
 Leo Arthur Anderson
 Herbert R. Bannister
 Charles Gerald Barker
 Alexander Bendekgey, Jr.
 John F. Bobroff
 Alvin David Boudreau
 Michael J. Braccini
 Joseph E. Brady
 James E. Brooks
 Joseph Bruno
 Gerald Francis Burns
 Vincent R. Buscanera
 Paul M. Cahill
 Leonard L. Capizzi
 Edward A. Capone
 David P. Carnes, Jr.
 Anthony S. Cavicchio
 John F. Chappie
 Kenneth A. Chase
 John Anthony Compagnone
 William W. Cook
 Frederick Arthur Costa
 Robert A. Couras
 Vincent Joseph Creedon
 Robert Francis Cronin
 James Robert Connors
 William J. Cunningham
 David H. Cushing
 George Cutting
 Ronald Nicholas D'Amato
 John Joseph Dawe
 Alfred Paul DeAngelis
 Angelo DeSimone
 John R. Devereaux
 John Warren Doherty
 William James Doherty
 Dennis Francis Donahue
 James Francis Drew
 Edward Dwyer
 John Robert Elder
 George Robert Elias
 Richard John Eovine
 Leonard A. Flynn
 Richard P. Flynn
 Francis Robert Foubister
 Thomas Dennis Fowler
 Anthony Edward Freda
 Michael N. Freda
 John S. Frene
 Peter Paul Gallo
 Wilfred F. Galvin
 John E. Gannon

Richard Michael Geswell
 Alan V. Getson
 Donald Robert Gilberti
 Joseph F. Giovannini
 Thomas Robert Goralski
 John J. Gravina, Jr.
 Anthony Leonard Greco
 Haig R. Hakemian
 George F. Haley
 Richard J. Hamilton
 Richard E. Hannaford
 Charles David Harmon
 Edward J. Harrison
 Arthur Francis Hayden
 John Michael Hickey
 Donald James Higginson
 Melvin Joseph Hurley
 William C. Hutchinson
 James Ianetta
 Robert Iappini
 William J. Johnson
 John Robert Jones, Jr.
 Albert W. Keefe
 Thomas G. Killeen
 Robert Dennis Langlais
 Peter K. Lastra
 Norman L. Lazar
 Raymond H. MacDonald
 Rudolph Dante Maffeo
 Frederick Maglero
 James Joseph Mahoney
 Richard Anthony Masiello
 Laurence Marchant
 Charles C. McKenney
 Carl Milano
 Gerald A. Mosey

Paul Naun
 Lewis David Newell
 Matrin J. O'Brien
 Stanley J. Ogonowsky
 Robert J. Palmer
 Earl J. Parent
 Ronald J. Park
 Edward L. Parker
 Stephen H. Parks
 Domenic Joseph Passanise
 James William Pearson
 Guy Petagna
 Sebastian John Piccolo
 Angelo L. Piso
 Anthony Carmen Primo
 Austin P. Racioppi
 Paul Francis Reardon
 Gerald G. Reister
 Anthony J. Santosuosso
 Michael Louis Scalfani
 Louis Scutellaro
 Robert C. Simpson
 Kenneth W. Smith
 John J. Srebnick
 Joseph John Taglilatelo
 Francis William Tansino
 John Paul Tassinari
 Francis J. Tello
 Angelo F. Terrizzi
 Richard L. Vannelli
 Thomas M. Vartabedian
 Ronald A. Vitale
 Robert Wallace
 Robert Adrian Wambolt
 Joseph L. Zahar
 John G. Zaya

SOUTHERN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1955

GIRLS

Theresa Ann Adario
 Geraldine Helen Affannato
 Virginia Mary Albani
 Claire Lois Alger
 Carol Victoria Amann
 Amelia Baker
 Judith Ann Baldi
 Janice Ann Baratta
 Dorothy Jane Bartera
 Ann Marie Berte
 Elaine Ruth Bickford
 Patricia Ann Bigelow
 Muriel Roberta Blakely
 Barbara Alice Boomhower
 Tina Botelho
 Phyllis Ann Buckley
 Eduardo Maria Cabral
 Patricia Katherine Cabral
 Anita Louise Caliendo

Diane Marie Catanese
 Regina Mary Cerasale
 Mary Ann Ciampi
 Patricia Ann Collins
 Loretta Joan Colonna
 Nancy Ruth Conway
 Beverly Ann Corkhum
 Eileen Ruth Crowther
 Margaret Louise Curley
 Mary Dalaklis
 Jean Marie Dalton
 Ruth Mary Dean
 Heln Mary DeLorenzo
 Donna Mae DesChamps
 Alice Irene Desorcy
 Anna Sylvia DiMille
 Ellen Anne Dionne
 Civita Mary DiRusso
 Marian Claire Donahue
 Patricia Ann Doughty

Helen Patricia Dwyer
 Catherine Frances Dykens
 Evelyn Gustin Ells
 Ann Elaine Estee
 Diana Constance Farulla
 Catherine Ann Ferrarini
 Lillian Rose Fierro
 Dorothy Sue Finelli
 Marie Alma Gaspar
 JoAnne Lucylle Ghiradella
 Hope Mildred Gogolos
 Carol Selma Goldberg
 Mary Jane Gravito
 Judith Ann Greene
 Cynthia May Haley
 Kathleen Adele Harvey
 Deborah Eileen Heelen
 Joanne Shirley Herra
 Lorraine Catherine Hogan
 Lois Marie Hynes
 Mary Ellen Ivester
 Katherine Kacoyanis
 Joyce Christina Kalton
 Elsie Kasparian
 Louella Kelandonidou
 Kathleen Patricia Kelly
 Catherine Kermetzoglou
 Ruth Eileen Lancaster
 Dorothy Rita Landini
 Beatrice Liberace
 Rita Marie Liberatore
 Margaret Ann Lowry
 Wilhelmina Veronica Lynch
 Shirley Loraine MacDonald
 Joan Helen MacMillen
 Elizabeth Ann Magliozzi
 Joan Deborah Mahoney
 Sarah Malizia
 Ann Marie Markwarth
 Joan Irene McFarland
 Carol Ann McGrath
 Jayne Agnes McIsaac
 Marilyn Joan McKiel
 Carol Louise McNamara
 Antoinette Bernadette Micco
 Rita Edna Miller
 Gladys Lee Milley
 Annunziata Mitrano
 Kathleen Neofotistos
 Marilyn Ruth Nordstrom
 Carol Ann Oliveira
 Sandra Jean O'Neil
 Rose Marie Perkins
 Rose Marie Ann Pino
 Helen Maria Pisani
 Kathaleen Ethel Prendergast
 Marie Elmiranda Rastellini
 Beverly Ann Razzaboni
 Mary Martha Rabeiro
 Janet Mary Ribeiro

Nancy Resmini
 Virginia Marie Risser
 Lois Elaine Robillard
 Gail Ellen Rollins
 Frances Anne Ross
 Mary Frances Sheridan
 Gabrielle Ann Shtogreen
 Dorothy Elizabeth Silva
 Margaret Constance Silva
 Elaine Marie Simas
 Carole Ann Small
 Joyce Shelma Smedberg
 Beverly Elsie Smith
 Rosemary Solano
 Ethel Spartos
 Ruth Ann Strassell
 Sandra Lee Stymeist
 Caryl Meredith Sullivan
 Mary Jean Sullivan
 Angela Tarello
 Ruth Louise Tassinari
 Arlene Marie Towle
 Barbara Marie Vacca
 Regina Marie Vaudou
 Lorraine Vieira
 Joan Barbara Webber
 Sandra June White
 Diane Elizabeth Willard
 Rita Jean Wright

BOYS

Edward Albert Ackereley
 Anthony Joseph Agresti
 William Andruchow, Jr.
 James Mario Antonuccio
 Joseph Anthony Bahan
 Parker Allen Bailey, Jr.
 Robert Edward Baker
 William Edward Barnoski
 Albert Louis Bertrand
 Joseph Dennis Botelho
 Richard Joseph Briand
 William Francis Brine
 Fred John Brundage
 Thomas John Burke
 John Dennis Burnett, Jr.
 James Michael Byrne
 Walter Waldow Call
 Cosmo Camelio
 Cosmo James Capomaccio
 Angelo Michael Carlino
 Leo Charles Carr
 Jeremiah Leo Coffey
 James David Connors
 Joseph Patrick Crowley
 Clyde Dennis Curley
 Gerald Michael D'Alelio
 Ronald Leonard Davies
 David Allan Davis
 Phillip Wayne Demers

Ronald Nicholas DiDomenico
 Anthony James DiLiegro
 Salvatore DiVasta
 James Edward Doherty
 Charles Joseph Drea
 Robert Edward Driscoll
 Robert Ernest Duarte
 Edward Joseph Duggan
 Ronald Gilbert Duponte
 Douglas John Dyke
 John Endicott
 Robert James Faulkner
 Robert Domenico Fedele
 Robert John Fielding
 James Ambrose Flaherty
 Donald Carl Fraser
 John Stanley Gaspar
 Charles Robert Gentile
 Paul Francis George
 Harold Joseph Gillette
 Robert Louis Goni
 Joseph Greco
 Daniel Gabriel Grieb
 Glenn Frank Grundy
 Gordon James Hannaford
 James Martin Hannigan
 John Joseph Hourihan
 Joseph Incatasciato, Jr.
 Thomas Russell Irving
 Spyros Kermetzoglou
 Hippocratis George Kiladis
 Raymond Gardner Killgren
 George Joseph Kingston, Jr.
 Lawrence Lee LaRocque
 Francis Joseph Latchford
 Alan Joseph Legg
 John Walter Lima
 William Joseph Lynch
 Richard Arthur Luz
 Paul Francis Machado
 Alfred Maiella
 Michael Andrew Makunas
 Armand Paul Manfra
 Adam Anthony Marchulaitis
 Richard Marques
 George Wilfred Martell
 Francis Benedict McAllister
 Joseph Lawrence McCambly
 John James McLaughlin
 Paul Michael McLaughlin
 James Herbert McNamara
 Joseph Anthony Miele

Richard Edward Milligan
 Leonard Stephen Mortell
 Thomas Joseph Murphy
 Philip Anthony Murray
 William Henry Murray
 Arthur Francis O'Keefe
 Edward John O'Mahoney
 William Francis O'Mahoney
 Francis Philip O'Meara
 Charles Eugene O'Regan
 Nicholas Richard Parilla
 Robert Joseph Pelham
 Robert Daniel Pennell
 Michael Richard Pennucci
 Roy Dennis Phillips
 Cosmo Anthony Piccolo
 Robert Francis Pimental
 James Francis Pitts
 Robert Anthony Pizzelli
 Richard William Porter
 Charles Walter Prendergast
 John Louis Querze
 Stanley Howard Reed
 Paul David Reilly
 John Michael Remis
 John Robert Rezendes
 Raymond Robert Romano
 Richard Robert Ronayne
 Edward Joseph Runcie
 Edward Joseph Severino
 George David Sharpe
 Edward Francis Silveira, Jr.
 Walter Joseph Sousa, Jr.
 Francis John Spignese
 Paul Edward Strokes
 Joseph Dennis Sullivan
 Robert Andrew Sweeney
 Raymond Joseph Thurber
 Robert Louis Thurber
 Ralph Loretto Tisei
 Robert Todisco
 Salvatore Michael Toscano
 Elias Anthony Travassos
 Paul Tuccelli, Jr.
 Benedict Joseph Uttaro
 Robert Emil Varney
 Robert Hadley Ventola
 Richard Allan Welch
 Philip Douglas Wesley
 David Paul Willard
 James Stephen Willey
 Salvatore Vincent Zolgle

WESTERN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1955

GIRLS

Janice Abbott
 Diana S. Adams
 Cynthia Catherine Ago
 Olive Marie Amber

Nancy Jean Anderson
 Ethel P. Ardolino
 Janice Mary Aylward
 Joyce Mary Aylward
 Josephine Baglio

Marie Baldinelli
 Patricia R. Beauchamp
 Barbara Bennett
 Janet Paula Beres
 Joan Edna Blackburn
 Margaret M. Blauvelt
 Barbara Ann Borghi
 Rita Ann Borrazzo
 Jacqueline M. Bozzi
 Ann Bradley
 Judith A. Brawley
 Catherine H. Brophy
 Carolyn Ann Calandrella
 Marilyn Frances Cammon
 Constance Louise Campbell
 Sandra Rosalind Ciampa
 Gail Patricia Clark
 Marie L. Consolmagno
 Joanne Contrada
 Catherine Julie Cox
 Joyce Carolyn Crafts
 Sophie O. Cymbalak
 Jeanne Marie DeLaCour
 Nancy D. DeLaCour
 Lorraine Winifred DeMille
 Judith Ann Dempsey
 Carol A. Dobson
 Shirley Doe
 Patricia Lorraine Donahue
 Ellen Driscoll
 Jean Margo Drohan
 Margaret Eleanor Eld
 Elizabeth Ann Emery
 Dorothy H. Fennessey
 Judith Mary Fernandes
 Margaret Ann Finch
 Edythe F. Fishman
 Barbara Ann Fitzpatrick
 Joan Louise Fitzpatrick
 Sharron Marlene French
 Joanne L. Gennaco
 Lucille Goodridge
 Nancy C. Gosse
 Elizabeth Ann Graham
 Rita C. Harrington
 Judith Helmund
 Janice Marie Holmy
 Marilyn Ince
 Jean Helen Jamgochian
 Elaine E. Kaloyanides
 Mary Theresa Kelleher
 Patricia Ann Kelley
 Elaine B. Laura LaMothe
 Rose Jo-Ann Lanni
 Nancy Carole LaPierre
 Lorraine Claire Laverty
 Mary A. Leyne
 Carmela T. LoRusso
 Teresa Ann Malsbenden

Barbara Mary Marques
 Doris Jean Martell
 Marion Carole Mathews
 Patricia Ann McCormick
 Carolanne McGovern
 Loretta Ann McHugh
 Carole-Ann Mello
 Judy Anne Miller
 Maureen Ann Moran
 Roberta May Morris
 Judith Ellen Muehlig
 Jean Susan Murray
 June Faith Netcher
 Mary Lou Nolan
 Patricia Anne Norman
 Janet M. O'Halloran
 Mary Ann Pacheco
 Margaret Ann Pangborn
 Mary Louise Paolillo
 Arlene Pignone
 Elizabeth A. Ploof
 Joann Pota
 Louise Marlene Price
 Florence A. Pulsifer
 Carol Ann Querie
 June Carol Rania
 Lorraine Carol Frances Roderick
 Eileen E. Ross
 Charlene Marie Ryan
 Ellen Virginia Ryan
 Carol Ann Sarkisian
 Charlotte May Shepherd
 Joyce Anne Stayman
 Roseann Mary Stefanelli
 Nancy P. Themo
 Ruth Anne Tottle
 Rosemary Ann Troville
 Nancy Helen Tyler
 Irene B. Wackrow
 Patricia M. Walsh
 Joan D. Wetzonis
 Patricia A. White
 Donna Lee Williams
 Sharon Sue Williams
 Virginia Nancy Zango
 Evelyn Cynthia Zengo

BOYS

Lawrence August Aguiar
 Robert S. Annand
 Joseph H. Ardizzoni
 Louis David Arrigo
 Kenneth Edward Atkins
 Colin A. Banfield
 David Leslie Barnard
 Richard R. Beattie
 Lawrence Paul Bettencourt
 Julio Charles Bosio
 James P. Bossi

Robert M. Boyle
 Robert J. Brooks
 Daniel Francis Brothers
 Robert Joseph Brown
 Richard Madison Buell
 Edward M. Burke
 Richard Prescott Burnett
 Dominic Francis Butera
 Paul P. Carroll
 Leo Anthony Caruso
 Charles Bruce Cawthron
 Gerard Ralph Cerrato
 Mario Vincent Chiereghio, Jr.
 John Hale Chipman IV
 Alan Joseph Collins
 James L. Collins
 John N. Collins
 Martin Thomas Conroy
 William N. Coombes
 Stephen E. Cormier
 Roger Michael Corrigan
 Robert Francis Costantino
 Gerald Joseph Cotter
 Angelo Paul Cuozzo
 Ronald R. DeTorto
 Robert Steven Deppner
 Paul William Dias
 Michele Justin DiBlasio
 Vincent A. DiRusso
 William Joseph Dogherty
 Robert Edward Doherty
 John Robert Doncaster
 Cornelius T. Donovan
 Dean Carl Drevitson
 Andrew Joseph Eld
 William Joseph Ellis
 James Arthur Ellis
 Arthur W. Emeneau
 Edmond Robert Ernest
 Lawrence Patrick Fay
 John Fernandes
 James John Fifield
 Walter Fugazzotto
 Louie Demetri Gatteny
 James Anthony Gavin
 Paul Donald Gedick
 Peter M. Glassman
 William F. Graham
 Domenic Steve Grasso
 Joseph James Gualtieri, Jr.
 Ernest Frederick Hart
 George B. Heafey
 Lawrence Patrick Hoare
 Richard F. Humphrey
 Kenneth J. Jackson
 Herbert L. Johnson
 Thomas James Keating
 William Robert King
 Henry L. Kinsley, Jr.
 William George Koehler

Frank D. Lacorazza
 Robert LaRocque
 Richard Charles Lavey
 John LeClaire
 Donald D. LoGuidice
 Stanley Earl MacKinnon
 Kenneth Alexander MacLeod
 Robert E. MacLeod
 William MacLeod
 Robert L. MacMunn
 Charles F. Magnusson
 Reynold John W. Maher
 John T. Malloy
 Richard D. Malloy
 Louis K. Mari
 David Charles Marren
 James McCann
 Richard A. McEvoy
 William Joseph McGoniagle
 Robert S. McInnis
 William Roy McKenzie, Jr.
 Donald McLaughlin
 Paul Joseph McNamara
 Joseph Anthony Miola
 Thomas Lee Moore
 Donald Walter Moriarty
 David Colby Mosher
 Jack Mouradian
 Frederick J. Mucci, Jr.
 David Francis Murray
 Donald Edward Naugler
 James Herbert Nettleton
 Daniel Joseph Nolan, Jr.
 John O'Hare
 Frederick Edward Owen
 Richard H. Parent
 Robert Penta
 Henry Perry
 Richard Perry
 James Pommet
 Robert David Price
 William F. Quirk
 Frank George Reska, Jr.
 Roland Francis Rugoletti
 Carl Peter Schell
 John Joseph Sennott
 John Joseph Shea
 Michael F. Smithers
 Angelo J. Sousa
 Roy T. Swanfeldt
 Arnold F. Tanner, Jr.
 Paul J. Tierney
 Kenneth R. Tucker
 Martin F. Tucker, Jr.
 Kenneth Albert Weene
 Richard Robert Werner
 N. Joseph White
 George Gordon Williams
 Walter M. Williamson

CERTIFICATES FOR OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

Joseph Carnazza
 Carmina Ciaramaglia
 John Desmond
 Robert DiRusso
 Annabelle Flynn
 Richard Fuccillo
 Graftou Green
 Margaret Hurley
 Emma Lucien
 Richard Mason
 Robert McCarron
 Eileen McKinnon

Henry Milley
 Douglas Munroe
 Edmund Murphy
 Raymond Myers
 Thomas O'Brien
 Barbara Roderick
 Henry Salani
 Robert Spurrell
 Robert Traniello
 Cynthia Walker
 Jean Winson
 William Young

TABLE 26a — EVENING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The graduation exercises of the Evening High School occurred on Thursday, March 10, 1955.

Igino Bartolucci
 Gelsomina DiPerna
 Estelle Teresa Feeney
 Barbara Shirley Fraser
 Robert Arnold Goguen
 Victoria Green
 Felix Iovanni
 Evelyn Mae James

William Edmund LaPoint
 Terrence John McAuliffe
 Anne O'Connor
 John Orfao
 Francis Geraldo Peluso
 Linda Ricciardelli
 Florence Claire Secondo

EVENING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

James Anthony Coogan
 Frans Carolus D'Haes
 Florence Geraldine Gray
 Thomas Murphy

Garry O'Byrne
 Mary Orfao
 Anne Marie Wing
 John Michael Woods

TABLE 27 — VOCATIONAL SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1955**Automobile Course**

Richard E. Cahill
 Walter W. Crowther
 Edward A. Gabriel

John W. McLaughlin
 Carlton Matthew Tasker
 Edward Francis Vallesio

Electrical Course

William T. Baker

Machine Course

Gordon W. Atkinson
 Earle August Bengtson, Jr.

George P. Murphy

Painting and Decorating Course

John Stephen Correiri
 Ernest G. Grant
 Frederick J. Lavoie

Arthur J. Rossi
 Raymond H. Williams

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1955

Legend

- * Leave of absence—in Armed Forces
- † Leave of absence
- ‡ Sabbatical Leave
- ^ Assistant for School Year
- x Exchange Teacher

HIGH SCHOOL
Central Hill

Name and Residence

Began
Service

Albert H. Giroux, Head Master, 23 Bay State Road, Belmont	1929
Arthur L. Morrissey, Vice Headmaster, 17 Warner Street	1928
John E. O'Loughlin, Vice Headmaster, 194 Claflin Street, Belmont	1930
John P. Brennan, Master, 76 Derby Street	1933
Robert A. Radochia, Master, 9 Jaques Street	1936
Gertrude Burns, Master, 72 Pearson Road	1936
Joseph A. Donahoe, Master, 6 Gibbens Street	1930
John J. Hoban, Master, 29 Burnham Street	1926
Edmond M. Lanigan, Master, 8 Mystic Ave., Winchester	1930
Hugh F. McCusker, Master, 35 Burton Street, Brighton	1933
Charles Q. Adams, 8 Chisholm Road, Winchester	1932
Alexander J. Austin, 11 Foster Road, Belmont	1933
Mildred A. Ayers, 2 Walter Terrace	1932
Robert J. Barker, 51 Holyoke Road	1948
Joseph E. Beaver, 213 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston	1928
Ellen L. Bellamy, 17 Forest Street, Cambridge	1921
Edward J. Berra, 33 Porter Street	1939
Mary M. Brown, 58 Chandler Street	1926
Charles W. Buckley, 92 Powder House Boulevard	1947
Robert F. Buckley, 35 Crescent Avenue, Scituate	1931
Norman J. Burns, 51 Perry Street	1953
Earl F. Cahalan, 106a Highland Avenue	1932
Mary E. Canavan, 50 Ocean Avenue, Salem	1930
John E. Cannon, Jr., 52 Washington Street, Newton	1931
John L. Carroll, 268 Powder House Boulevard	1955
Agnes M. Carven, 56 Baldwin Street, Charlestown	1927
John W. Casey, 20 Spring Street	1933
Gertrude W. Chaffin, 8 Copeland Terrace, Malden	1916
Marguerite Connolly, 58 Central Street	1926
Anna E. Connor, 19 Oakland Avenue, Arlington	1943
Mary M. Connor, 19 Oakland Avenue, Arlington	1941
Walter J. Corbett, 4 Essex Street	1936
Bernice F. Daley, 88 Gloucester Road, Westwood	1952
Marie B. Damery, 45 Charnwood Road	1926
Louis G. DeAngelis, 68 Pine Tree Drive, So. Hamilton	1938
Louis W. Diegoli, 8 Walter Terrace	1950
xMrs. Gertrude F. Dow, 28 Irving Street, Boston	1947
Joseph F. Durant, 18 Peirce Street, Arlington	1947
Geraldine F. Fitzgerald, 56 Raymond Avenue	1936
Lawrence J. Fitzpatrick, 6 Charlemont Road, Medford	1947
Richard Fitzpatrick, 10 Hill Street	1933
John E. Flynn, 21 Harbor View Avenue, Winthrop	1936
Thomas Flynn, 393 Somerville Avenue	1947
Francis X. Foley, 21 Teele Avenue	1933
Edward G. Giroux, 263 Lincoln Street, Lexington	1931
Mary Hall, 9 Gloucester Street, Arlington	1934
Richard Hegarty, 17 Wolcott Road, Winchester	1932
George F. Hickey, 20 Memorial Road, Sec. "A"	1953
James J. Hickey, Fay Road, Dedham	1946
Mary A. Hickey, 21 Amaranth Avenue, Medford	1918
Chester F. Hill, 36 Thorndike Street	1925
Philip L. Holmes, 22 Jackson Road	1933
Thomas J. D. Horne, 357 Williams Street, Stoneham	1931
Helen C. Jackson, 112 Grove Street, West Medford	1923
Viola M. Jackson, 45 Kidder Avenue	1924
David W. Jones, 31 Cameron Avenue	1949
Mary C. Kacoyanis, 68 Standish Street, Cambridge	1952
Patricia F. Keating, 43 Lockeland Road, Winchester	1949
Arthur Kelleher, 8 Bigelow Street	1930
Joseph C. Kelley, 19 Harvard Street	1948
Agatha C. Kelly, 42 Rutledge Road, Belmont	1930
Kathryn A. Kennedy, 116 Bartlett Street	1950
Marie E. Kenney, 12 Waterhouse Street	1926
Natalie B. King, 148 Powder House Boulevard	1936
Mrs. Dorothy A. Kirk, 39 Lexington Avenue	1931

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1955

Name and Residence	Service Began
Mrs. Mary Lawless, 370 Longwood Avenue, Boston	1953
Elizabeth F. Leach, 28 Irving Street, Boston	1927
Charles V. Leslie, 245 West Street, Reading	1947
Katherine T. Lombard, 112 Thurston Street	1926
Richard M. Lombard, 112 Thurston Street	1947
Thomas J. Lynch, 101 Dakota Street, Dorchester	1944
Olive B. MacPherson, 367 Medford Street	1933
Frank Martin, 40 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington	1933
Kathryn A. McCann, 66 Shepherd Road, West Medford	1949
Marguerite E. McCann, 66 Shepherd Road, West Medford	1950
Jane McCarthy, 22 Thorpe Street	1942
Paul L. McCarthy, 86 Belmont Street	1931
Virginia McCarty, 50 Vinal Avenue	1941
Mrs. Katherine F. McDonnell, 56 Raymond Avenue	1937
Mary G. McGann, 71 Eliot Road, Arlington	1931
Robert E. McKelvey, 6 Jerome Street	1929
Jean M. McLaughlin, 6 Whittlesey Road, Newton Center	1951
Arthur L. McManus, 25 Browning Road	1937
James J. Mooney, 5 Locke Lane, Lexington	1930
Margery Moore, 14 Summit Avenue	1920
Bernard R. Moulton, 241 Powder House Boulevard	1928
Jean Mullaney, 49 Vinal Avenue	1947
James J. Murray, 35 Irvington Road	1931
John J. Murray, 61 Walnut Street	1931
James J. Noonan, 70 Oxford Street	1934
Mildred A. Nugent, 46 Richdale Avenue	1932
Helen O'Brien, 30 Barton Street	1931
Thomas F. O'Brien, 16 Prescott Street	1936
Mary C. O'Keefe, 29 Forest Street	1942
Alice M. Patterson, 383 Broadway	1919
Eva M. Piercy, 57 Aphrop Street, Wollaston	1927
Albert O. Plantinga, 46 Melrose Street, Melrose Highlands	1918
Paul Protopapas, 51 Upland Road	1950
° Joseph F. Reardon, 65 Lowden Avenue	1955
Dorothy T. Rice, 14 Ware Street, Cambridge	1930
Irene C. Ritchie, 19 Willoughby Street	1912
Francis X. Rooney, 20 Pleasant Avenue	1929
Helen B. Ryan, 85 Oxford Street	1918
Catherine M. Scanlan, 32 Hillsdale Road, Arlington	1926
Philip G. Scully, 59 Preston Road	1950
Caroline A. Shea, 64 Pearson Road	1928
George H. Simmons, 34 Bay State Avenue	1951
Hazel L. Smith, 19a Forest Street, Cambridge	1922
Mary C. Smith, 117 Prospect Street	1916
Margaret F. Snell, 94 Willow Road, Nahant	1928
Katherine E. Stack, 29 Park Drive, Boston	1934
Julia F. Sullivan, 186 Central Street	1950
† Ruby F. Sutherland, 46a Spring Street	1922
Beatrice Sweet, 1230 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington	1942
Francis X. Thornton, 27 Brook Street	1953
Frank X. Veneri, 15 Audrey Road, Belmont	1933
Mrs. Amy I. Webber, 49 Bartlett Avenue, Belmont	1923
‡ Joseph B. Weene, 232 School Street	1933
E. Bella Weisman, 78 Gibbs Street, Brookline	1921
Mrs. Nora Whittemore, 9 Mount Vernon Street	1934
Mrs. Mary G. Callahan, R.N., School Nurse, 85 Oxford Street	1929
Alice Scanlon, R.N., School Nurse, 49 Dover Street	1935
Mabel F. Kelley, Clerk, 283 Medford Street	1939
Georgiana Tripp, Clerk, 50 Cherry Street	1942
Margaret Brennan, Clerk, 42 Gibbens Street	1945

NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Marshall Street

John J. Norton, Principal, 6 Walter Terrace	1929
Bernard F. Koen, Vice Principal, 768 Broadway	1930
Adela L. Balch, 12 Norfolk Road, Arlington	1921
Walter F. Barry, 14 Bromfield Road	1949
John P. Carty, 109 Woods Road, West Medford	1942
Catherine Croy, 197 Morrison Avenue	1943
Arthur DaPrato, 21 Jean Road, Arlington	1931
James A. Devlin, 37 Ames Street	1947

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1955—Continued

Name and Residence	Began Service
Kathryn C. Donovan, 140 Summer Street	1930
Charles T. Durgin, 1 Fairview Avenue, Arlington	1931
Joseph B. Fitzgerald, 309 Pond Street, Jamaica Plain	1930
Mary J. Fitzgerald, 309 Pond Street, Jamaica Plain	1930
Florence R. Gallagher, 21 Bradlee Road, Medford	1918
Edmund F. Giroux, 42 Adams Street, Arlington	1933
Daniel J. Griffin, 10 Greenville Street	1931
*Terrace M. Griffin, 1 Dow Street	1935
John Guinee, 7 Rush Street	1943
Marion H. Hathaway, 49 Dover Street	1924
John J. Hickey, 21 Amaranth Avenue, Medford	1936
Robert K. Hughey, 37 Whitney Street, Saugus	1925
Phyllis M. Joy, 24 Intervale Road, Arlington	1939
Philip J. Koen, 1112 Broadway	1942
Eileen M. Laffin, 79 Lowden Avenue	1950
Leo J. Lanigan, 161 Lowell Street	1940
Anne M. Mahoney, 8 Appleton Road, Cambridge	1926
Helen J. Mahoney, 188 Dalton Road, Belmont	1931
Mary A. Mahoney, 188 Dalton Road, Belmont	1930
Alfred J. McDonald, 9 Lovell Street	1930
Grace A. McElhiney, 704 Commonwealth Avenue	1924
Francis McOwen, 946 Broadway	1949
Mary Monahan, 103 Belmont Street	1933
*Helen Murphy, 171 Orchard Street, Belmont	1955
Madeleine N. Parsons, 1 Boston Avenue, West Medford	1931
Peter D. Peterson, 107 Pearl Street	1935
Mary L. Pineo, 88 Fremont Street	1935
Mrs. Constance H. Scherer, 106 Richfield Road, Arlington	1917
Mrs. Helen Schultz, 20 Hilton Street, Hyde Park	1942
Catherine M. Sherman, 16 Burnham Street	1954
†Wallace Sinclair, 34 Lowden Avenue	1935
Velma B. Strout, 30 Hall Avenue	1918
*Eugene F. Sullivan, 7 Jasper Street	1955
Frederick Tirrell, 54 Woods Avenue	1949
Daniel M. Twomey, 7 Maine Terrace	1936
Florence M. Wheeler, 109 Highland Avenue	1924
Alice I. Amidon, Clerk, 36 College Avenue	1926

SOUTHERN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Vinal Avenue

John F. McMahon, Principal, 123 Highland Avenue	1930
Walter W. Newcombe, Vice Principal, 27 Houston Street, West Roxbury	1917
Louis N. Arbeene, 99 Traincroft, Medford	1952
H. Beatrice Bingham, 52 Pearl Street	1926
Dorothy Bozigian, 113 College Avenue	1934
*Paul L. Broderick	1930
Eleanor D. Campbell, 157 Summer Street	1922
Meivin T. Carver, 247 Winthrop Street, Winthrop	1917
Nathaniel O. Colbert, 206 Follen Road, Lexington	1930
Ruth H. Conner, 19 Burrell Street, Melrose	1921
Mrs. Doris Costello, 88 Yorktown Street	1946
Vincent Cronin, 209 Summer Street	1953
Katherine D. Crotty, 87 Avon Street	1931
Thomas J. Devine, 8 Bay State Avenue	1952
Charles Diehl, 10 Clifton Street	1954
Anne C. Donohue, 109 Highland Avenue	1924
John Gartland, 79 Belmont Street	1947
Mrs. Lila P. Gustafson, Beaver Brook Road, Westwood	1927
Harriet H. Hawes, 18 Day Street	1927
Raymond J. Izzo, 10 Pearson Avenue	1951
Alice W. Jones, 7 Centre Street, Cambridge	1925
Charles Kenney, 3 Sherman Road, Stoneham	1944
Robert W. Lynch, 50 Hooker Avenue	1949
James C. Marchant, 5 Mystic Avenue, Winchester	1935
Mary J. McCarthy, 86 Belmont Street	1932
Mrs. Helen M. MacLaughlin, 294 Charles Street, Reading	1939
James J. McGowan, 9 Maple Street, Lexington	1936
Francis McSweeney, 377 Boston Avenue, Medford Hillside	1945
Edmund Mitchell, 45 Ibbetson Street	1953
Anna Murphy, 38 Lexington Avenue	1932

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1955—Continued

Name and Residence	Began Service
Esther K. Murphy, 38 Lexington Avenue	1931
Thomas R. Palombo, 11 Hanson Avenue	1946
Mrs. Ruth A. Peck, 72 Pleasant Street, Marblehead	1941
Alfred Perry, 261 Broadway	1950
Marie T. Quirk, 28 Moultrie Street, Dorchester	1951
Harold A. Radochia, 52 Park Street, North Wilmington	1952
Norman B. Raum, 87 Grove Hill Avenue, Newton	1951
Mrs. Ruth F. Richmond, 85 Lawrence Road, Medford	1928
George A. Sharkey, 20 Avon Street	1936
James Sharry, 17 Summerhill Street, Stoneham	1947
Bernard F. Walsh, 37 Ames Street	1940
Evelyn E. Weston, 111 Summer Street	1924
Ruth C. Whittemore, 21 Bowdoin Street	1927
†Albert C. Williamson, 37 Glenwood Street, Brockton	1936
Sarah L. Wolfe, 96 Glenburn Road, Arlington	1922
Perry Yanow, 44 Chamberlain Avenue, Revere	1948
Beatrice M. Hersom, Clerk, 163 Summer Street	1924

WESTERN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Holland Street

George K. Coyne, Principal, 59 Preston Road	1925
Arthur J. Marchant, Vice Principal, 9 Emerson Road, Winchester	1914
*Mary P. Amlaw, 20 Spring Hill Terrace	1955
Joseph J. Battaglioli, 242 Summer Avenue, Reading	1950
Joseph Brennan, 122 Orchard Street	1933
Frances L. Bullen, 25 Highland Road	1928
Anthony C. Calabro, 192 Grant Avenue, Medford	1936
Agnes Carroll, 11 Edmands Street	1942
Isobel M. Cheney, 149 Lowell Street	1936
James H. Cosgrove, 30 Chandler Street, Belmont	1935
John J. Costello, 88 Yorktown Street	1936
Peter A. Delli Colli, 29 Sagamore Avenue, Medford	1948
Edson E. Dewey, 457 Washington Street, Winchester	1927
Ralph E. Farnsworth, 27 Wolcott Street, Everett	1918
Elizabeth A. Gaffney, 9 Essex Street, Medford	1952
Marcella M. Garrick, 295 Lowell Street	1917
Wilson L. Geary, 1147 Adams Street, Dorchester	1931
Hazel G. Gibson, 43 Linnaean Street, Cambridge	1928
Catherine E. Giles, 5 Hillcroft Park, W. Medford	1918
Florence R. Haley, 17 Forest Street, Cambridge	1927
Robert Healey, 153 Lowell Street	1946
Elena J. Ivaska, 8 Taylor Road, Belmont	1931
Alice M. Johnson, 16 Ware Street, Cambridge	1930
John C. Kelly, 3 Cerqua Street, Woburn	1940
Charles R. Khirallah, 30 Ames Street	1951
*Ramona Lazar, 29r Everett Avenue	1952
Clement Mackey, 95 Lexington Avenue	1947
Kenneth MacLeod, 78 Ossipee Road	1935
Joseph B. McCabe, 14 Sturtevant Terrace, Medford	1931
Frances McNally, 52 Vinal Avenue	1936
Charles Murphy, 142 Summer Street	1945
John L. Murphy, 28 Tower Street	1941
Mrs. Teresa Nickerson, 20 Grove Street	1933
Marie A. Pelletier, 244 Brattle Street, Cambridge	1930
Anne P. Plummer, 48 Hilton Street, Arlington	1952
Dorothy M. Reynolds, 12 Madison Avenue West, Winchester	1937
Eleanor M. Shanahan, 163 Summer Street	1955
†Mary L. Swansey, 64 Powder House Boulevard	1937
*Mrs. Mary A. Taylor, 35 Starbird Street, Malden	1955
Rose Traniello, 51 Munroe Street	1942
Robert D. Wright, 2 Chandler Street, Lexington	1936
Mary P. Brady, Clerk, 273 Washington Street	1947

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS (DAY)
Bonair and Cross Streets

Philip J. Heffernan, Principal, 71 Maynard Street, Arlington	1918
Roy R. King, 91 Central Street	1918
Roy C. MacGee, 27 Dover Street, West Medford	1926
Leo Millea, 72 Wallace Street	1927

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1955—Continued

Name and Residence	Began Service
William H. Knight, 9 Preston Road	1930
Arthur E. Peterson, 75 Golden Avenue, Medford	1930
Robert H. Dunning, 2 Dow Street, Arlington	1931
Arthur L. Fleming, 116 Ten Hills Road	1933
Bryant W. Patten, 4 Cary Street, Lexington	1942
*Salvatore C. Di Domenico, 125 Linwood Street	1955
Joseph F. Geary, 38 Kimball Road, Arlington	1933
Edward J. Bergen, 193 Governors Avenue, Medford	1934
J. Edward Sharkey, 220 Forest Street, Winchester	1937
Christopher J. Kirk, Jr., 12 Mt. Walley Avenue, Jamaica Plain	1937
Walter E. Struble, Jr., 14 Whitfield Road	1937
Thomas E. DeMont, 8 Montrose Court	1938
Francis G. Parker, 31 Crest Avenue, Melrose	1938
Edward A. Guazzaloca, 78 Lowell Street	1938
Thomas Scott, 20 Third Street, North Woburn	1938
Dante Muzzioli, 227a Summer Street	1948
John J. Donoghue, 11 Perry Street	1948
Albert S. Kelley, Jr., 21 Sterling Street	1952
Mortimer D. Vilaine, 24 Sunset Road	1953
Mrs. Ethel M. Smith, Clerk, 3 Wesley Park	1921

CONTINUATION AND JUNIOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Bonair and Cross Streets

Philip J. Heffernan, Principal, 71 Maynard Street, Arlington	1918
H. Dunbar Davis, 36 College Avenue	1923
Robert E. Ball, Jr., 56 Bennett Street, Brighton	1938

WILLIAM H. PRESCOTT SCHOOL

Pearl and Myrtle Streets

Grade		
	Joseph A. Regan, Principal, 42 Stone Avenue	1929
6	Mrs. Elva L. Blanche, 19 Perkins Avenue, Reading	1935
6	Harriet Marshall, 64 Queensbury Street, Boston	1929
6	James Papadonis, 11 Mann's Court, Woburn	1951
5	Ruth Bridges, 21 Crocker Street	1933
4	Marjorie H. Menard, 13 Amaranth Avenue, Medford	1928
4	Victoria Ollila, 3 Langdon Street, Cambridge	1941
3	Norma Morandi, 22 Austin Street	1944
3	Mary Macero, 192 Washington Street	1946
2	Patricia A. Turner, 70 Elmwood Street	1952
2	Alice L. Murphy, 38 Browning Road	1953
1	Jennie Albano, 25 Highland Avenue	1944
1	M. Eileen Kuhn, 11 Devereaux Street, Arlington	1931
Kdgn.	Mary L. Cannon, 431a Broadway	1929
Asst.	Alice O'Brien, 5 Gayle Street, Woburn	1948
Asst.	Margaret Crowley, 251 Playstead Road, West Medford	1933

SANFORD HANSCOM SCHOOL

Webster and Rush Streets

	Joseph A. Regan, Principal, 42 Stone Avenue	1929
4	Doris M. Donnine, 72 Egerton Road, Arlington	1934
4	John A. Spadaro, 22 Hamlet Place, Malden	1950
6	William T. Sheehan, 15 Prospect Hill Avenue	1953
5	Joseph F. Kiley, 31 Leonard Street	1951
5	James J. Palmer, 88 Vine Street	1951
4	†Phyllis Angelo, 25 Fifth Street, Medford	1943
3	Mary F. Scolles, 11 Robinson Street	1949
2	Shirley McKenzie, 80 Lowden Avenue	1949
1	Marie Moran, 75 Elm Street	1950
1	Mrs. Mary E. King, 48 Highland Road	1954

GEORGE L. BAXTER SCHOOL
Bolton Street

Grade	Name and Residence	Began Service
	Francis W. Escott, Principal, 8 Liberty Avenue, Medford	1947
4	Geraldine J. Chamberlain, 114 Rogers Avenue	1925
3	Amalia C. DiMauro, 64 Park Street	1953
2	Anna E. Wischmann, 21 Bowdoin Street	1930
1	Olga T. Coscia, 122 Rogers Avenue	1950
Kdgn.	Mrs. Alice Seabrook, 351 Washington Street	1950

OREN S. KNAPP SCHOOL
Concord Avenue

	Francis W. Escott, Principal, 8 Liberty Avenue, Medford	1947
6	Sue A. Fitzpatrick, 189 Summer Street	1912
6	Marguerite G. Stanton, 191 Summer Street	1922
6	William A. Leahy, 101 Glenwood Road	1955
5	Dorothy M. Smith, 58 Sheffield Road, Melrose	1930
5	*John A. McDonald, 9 Lowell Street	1954
5	*William McDonald, 9 Lovell Street	1955
5	*Edson S. MacKenzie, 30 Clark Street	1955
4	Agnes C. Riley, 191 Summer Street	1918
3	Helen F. Gallagher, 15 Naples Road, Brookline	1923
2	Gasperina Messina, 49 Pennsylvania Avenue	1942
1	Mrs. Margaret L. Feeney, 230 Vine Street, Everett	1950

ALBION A. PERRY SCHOOL
Washington Street, near Dane Street

	Francis W. Escott, Principal, 8 Liberty Avenue, Medford	1947
4	Mrs. Mary A. Withington, 32 Fuller Street, Canton	1910
3	Sarah Tashjian, 29 Mt. Hood Road, Brighton	1932
2	Helen M. Armstrong, 155r Summer Street	1924
1	Mary J. Connors, 5 Howland Street, Cambridge	1953
Kdgn.	Bertha M. Connor, 77 Pennsylvania Avenue	1926

CHARLES G. POPE SCHOOL
Grades 1 to 5 in Bennett Building
Grade 6 in Southern Junior High School

	Francis W. Escott, Principal, 8 Liberty Avenue, Medford	1947
4	Frances M. Blute, 42 Columbus Avenue	1933
6	Redmond J. Mullins, 13 Fremont Avenue	1946
5	Robert L. Brosnahan, 25 Lexington Avenue	1950
4	*Mrs. Mary M. Hare, 20 Bowdoin Street	1954
3	Elsie G. Brady, 26 Sargent Road, Belmont	1947
2	Jane McGrath, 182 Lewis Road, Belmont	1952
2	*Rita A. Lawler, 18 Peirce Street, Arlington	1948
2	*Agnes Prior, 40 Belmont Street	1955
1	Mary T. Mahoney, 10 Skehan Street	1927
Kdgn.	Mrs. Abigail R. Bailey, 131 St. Rose Street, Jamaica Plain	1924

JOHN A. CUMMINGS SCHOOL
School Street, near Highland Avenue
Grade 6 in Southern Junior High School

	Michael B. Dewire, Principal, 600 Washington Street, Brookline	1929
4	Margaret J. Collins, 35 Meacham Road	1926
6	Francis X. Leahy, 158 Summer Street	1946
5	Helen McNally, 52 Vinal Avenue	1937
3	Mary M. Healy, 83 Bow Road, Belmont	1927
2:3	Mabel M. Sheehan, 49 Avon Street	1930
2	Mary E. Hughes, 24 Rogers Avenue	1933
3	M. Louise Burke, 26 Montrose Street	1954
1	Elsa K. Hall, 9 Gloucester Street, Arlington	1943
1	Helena M. Regan, 129 Hudson Street	1949
Kdgn.	Marion Pugh, 46 Glen Street	1943
Asst.	*Claire E. Bennett, 72 College Avenue	1954

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JOHN G. EDGERLY SCHOOL
Otis and Cross Streets

Grade	Name and Residence	Began Service
	Joseph A. Regan, Principal, 42 Stone Avenue	1929
3	Alice M. MacFarland, 62 Spruce Street, Watertown	1923
3	Mary L. O'Neill, 10 Sycamore Street	1936
2	Margaret F. Driscoll, 545 Fellsway West, Medford	1936
2	Mary V. Devine, 47 Houghton Street	1929
1	Florence Barry, 14 Bromfield Road	1950
1	Mary A. Albano, 25 Highland Avenue	1937
Kdgn.	Gertrude E. Prichard, 132 Pearson Road	1920
Asst.	Gertrude M. Bell, 97 Clement Avenue, West Roxbury	1951

JACOB T. GLINES SCHOOL
Jaques Street, near Grant Street

	Joseph M. Thornton, 27 Brook Street	1931
6	Helen G. Kane, 159 Salem Street, Malden	1932
5	Lois E. Banks, 15 Hawthorne Street	1936
5	° Timothy F. O'Brien, 20 Dudley Street, Cambridge	1955
4	Eleanor Mitrano, 4 Orchard Street, Concord	1932
4	Rose F. Willwerth, 7 Oxford Street	1940
3	Ruth Herlihy, 37 Banks Street	1933
3	Philomena Buccelli, 71 Bonair Street	1936
2	Marion C. Drew, 4 Langmaid Avenue	1945
2	Mary Donohoe, 6 Gibbens Street	1948
2	Eileen Ivons, 41 Bay State Avenue	1952
2	† Edith H. Murchie, 3 Lincoln Street	1937
1	Faith Small, 279 Medford Street	1951
1	Laurette Waters, 243 Summer Street	1947
1	Jeanne E. Bannon, 55 Broadway	1955
Bldg. Asst.	*Mrs. Marion K. White, 45 Morrison Avenue	1953
Kdgn.	Mary J. McEachern, 123 Highland Avenue	1929
Asst.	Mary H. Botelho, 28 Main Street	1952

CHARLES A. GRIMMONS SCHOOL
Shore Drive

	Joseph M. Thornton, 27 Brook Street	1931
1	Anna M. Dee, 119 College Avenue, Apt. 3	1928
6	Henry J. Lambert, 95 West Quincy Street	1948
5	Catherine O'Connor, 40 Adrian Street	1942
4	Margaret Sliney, 88 Glen Street	1928
3:2	Agnes Battit, 56a Elm Street	1948
3	Marie A. Purcell, 22 Prescott Street	1954
2	Leda L. Dini, 22 Heath Street	1947
1	Elaine Cotter, 11 Governor Winthrop Road	1950
Bldg. Asst.	*Mrs. Donna Amaral, 30 Concord Avenue	1955
Kdgn.	Mrs. Margaret G. Baine, 38 Moore Street	1946
Asst.	Mary DiGregorio, 2 Rogers Avenue	1951

CHARLES FORSTER SCHOOL
Sycamore Street and Evergreen Avenue

	Walter A. Buckley, 39 Pearson Road	1933
1	Ann Laffin, 21 Lowden Avenue	1939
6	Hazel C. Wellington, 71 Oxford Street	1924
6	Irene Allen, 391 Broadway	1931
5	† John Murray, 21 Prospect Hill Avenue	1950
5	Eugene Driscoll, 51 School Street	1955
5	Richard Heneghan, 30 Glenwood Road	1955
5	Gladys M. Wellington, 71 Oxford Street	1925
4	Lillian J. Rollins, 230 Pearl Street	1925
4	Jane A. Doyle, 80 Hinckley Street	1925
4	Elsie Capone, 309 Lawrence Road, Medford	1934
3	Mrs. Helen M. Mason, 36 College Avenue	1936
3	Claire Gorman, 185 Highland Avenue, Winchester	1944

Grade	Name and Residence	Began Service
3	Elsie Capone, 309 Lawrence Road, Medford	1934
3	Anne Clark, 25 Columbus Avenue	1942
3	Gloria K. Mawhinney, 25 Walnut Street	1948
2	Anne McGovern, 102 Bromfield Road	1954
2	Mary Bridges, 21 Crocker Street	1933
2	Dorothy Lally, 123 Highland Avenue	1950
2	Julia Leddy, 162 Highland Avenue	1944
1	Mary A. Clark, 25 Columbus Avenue	1942
1	Florence V. English, 83 Glenburn Road, Arlington	1926
1	Mary L. McKenna, 119 College Avenue	1915
Kdgn.	Esther D. Hamilton, 28 Dearborn Road	1924
Kdgn.	Catherine Killilea, 5 Oakland Avenue	1945
Asst.	°Mrs. Margaret Trayers, 15 Hawthorn Street	1954

NORMAN W. BINGHAM SCHOOL
Lowell Street, near Vernon Street

	Walter A. Buckley, 39 Pearson Road	1933
4	Anna R. Canfield, 205 Cedar Street	1914
6	Anna G. Molloy, 520 High Street, West Medford	1921
6:5	°Francis J. Ahern, 12 Curtis Street	1955
5	Helen F. Wiseman, 51 Prentiss Street, Cambridge	1922
4	Julia M. Riordan, 165 Albion Street	1914
4	Philomena C. Lombardi, 8 Mount Pleasant Street	1929
3	Angelina R. Faccini, 19 Pearson Avenue	1955
3	Catherine E. Wiggins, 234 Andover Road, Billerica	1925
2	Mrs. Frances E. Morrill, 215 Eastern Avenue, Lynn	1921
2	Gertrude M. Dewire, 399 Washington Street	1925
1	Mary T. Corey, 181 Lexington Street, Belmont	1929
1	†Marie L. Ahern, 61 North Street	1953
1	Mary Battit, 56a Elm Street	1950
Kdgn.	Marguerite M. Driscoll, 20 Benton Road	1921
Asst.	°Mrs. Winona Neal, 10 Morrison Place	1953

MARTIN W. CARR SCHOOL
Atherton Street

	Michael B. Dewire, Principal, 600 Washington Street, Brookline	1929
3	Helen Hession, 30 Merrill Road, Watertown	1924
6	Dorothy L. Lundgren, 93 Lowden Avenue	1915
6	Daniel N. Macero, 143 College Avenue	1950
5:4	Margaret M. Brennan, 15 Waldo Street	1917
5	†Robert A. Leahy, 34r North Street	1953
5	John M. Russell, 11 Cambria Street	1950
4	Patricia A. McSorley, 66 Lowell Street	1954
3	Alice M. Cumming, 117 School Street	1917
2	Mildred L. Shanahan, 68 Avon Street	1933
2	Mary E. Flanley, 4 Avon Street, Wakefield	1915
1	Eleanor Rose, 158 Summer Street	1942
1	Margaret Morgan, 123 Highland Avenue	1931
Kdgn.	Mabel R. Ingham, 62 Central Street	1912
Asst.	Mrs. Marion J. Mitchell, 10 Daniels Street, Arlington	1950

ENOCH R. MORSE SCHOOL
Summer and Craigie Streets

	Michael B. Dewire, Principal, 600 Washington Street, Brookline	1929
6	Frank Sestito, 52 Mount Vernon Street	1955
4	Agnes C. O'Brien, 16 Prescott	1941
5	John P. Joyce, 15 Prospect Hill Avenue	1951
4	Margaret B. O'Hare, 24 Essex Street, Belmont	1949
3	Marjorie M. O'Brien, 22 Hancock Street, Brookline	1949
3	Helen P. O'Connor, 5 Elston Street	1955
2	Mrs. Ruth Kaup, 58 Central Street	1946
2	Ruth G. Gough, 1783 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge	1930
1	Catherine E. Frazer, 100 Ravine Street, West Medford	1946
1	H. Jeannette O'Brien, 70 Richfield Road, Arlington	1947
Kdgn.	Lucille Moseley, 155 Summer Street	1942
Asst.	°Mrs. Alice A. Sheehan, 33 Beacon Street	1953

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GEORGE O. PROCTOR SCHOOL
Hudson Street

Grade	Name and Residence	Began Service
	Walter A. Buckley, Principal, 39 Pearson Road	1915
6	Andrew A. Mountain, Jr., 12 Benton Road	1952
5	†Nero Restani	1951
5	Maurice J. Pomfret, 22 Temple Street	1955
4	Anne E. Mullin, 33 Allen Street, Arlington	1930
3	Ann P. Lynch, 30 Bow Street	1954
2	Mary E. McCarthy, 101 Central Street	1926
2	Mrs. Helen F. Martignette, 427 Broadway	1954
1	Mrs. Ethel M. Ziegel, 8 Fokett Street	1934
Kdgn.	Mrs. Claire M. Driscoll, 12 Pleasant Avenue	1941

GEORGE W. DURELL SCHOOL

Beacon and Kent Streets

	Michael B. Dewire, Principal, 600 Washington Street, Brookline	1929
2	Theresa M. Andrews, 225 Tremont Street	1952
3	Mary A. Dewire, 48 Central Street	1939
4	Mildred I. O'Meara, 272 Farrington Street, Wollaston	1946
1	Mary A. Driscoll, 11 Greene Street	1954

MARK F. BURNS SCHOOL

Cherry Street, near Highland Avenue

	John W. Healey, Principal, 214 Powder House Boulevard	1931
4	Frances H. Shea, 95 Central Street	1936
3	V. Maria DelTorto, 275 Highland Avenue	1943
3	Estelle Brennan, 38 Arborway, Jamaica Plain	1950
2	Martha Stanton, 44 Benton Road	1951
2	Winifred Fitzgerald, 163 Summer Street	1953
1	Mrs. Margaret K. White, 87 Hudson Street	1952
1	Helen Constant, 58 Exeter Street, Arlington	1951
Kdgn.	Helen T. Brooks, 300 Salem Street, North Wilmington	1946

BENJAMIN G. BROWN SCHOOL

Willow and Josephine Avenue

	John W. Healey, Principal, 214 Powder House Boulevard	1931
6	Gertrude E. Macdonald, 50 Bromfield Road	1926
5	Edward G. Murray, 21 Prospect Hill Avenue	1954
4	Rita J. De Leo, 44 Tennyson Street	1944
4	Mrs. Gertrude T. MacNamara, 383 Broadway	1940
3	Helen M. Lawrence, 433a Broadway	1923
2	Ruth Kelley, 250 Willow Avenue	1931
2	M. Virginia Jennings, Cadet, 119 Medford Street, Arlington	1953
1	Andrea Driscoll, 545 Fellsway West, Medford	1944
1	Anne E. Waters, 243 Summer Street	1940
Kdgn.	Elizabeth V. Colbert, 89 Ripley Road, Cohasset	1933
Asst.	Anna M. Burke, 1616 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Suite 3	1946

HERBERT CHOLERTON SCHOOL

Highland Avenue and Grove Street

	John W. Healey, 214 Powder House Boulevard	1930
6	Marion Allen, 38 Powder House Boulevard	1911
6	Margaret McLeod, 20 Grove Street	1923
6	°Arthur Hughes, 111 Cedar Street	1955
5	Ernest Bennett, 92 Elm Street	1953
5	Anne M. Doherty, 49 Electric Avenue	1932
5	Ann M. O'Brien, 174 Oakley Road, Belmont	1942
5	*George H. Ellison, 48 Stone Avenue	1954
5	Raymond I. Rigney, 35 Nathaniel Road, Winchester	1949
Kdgn.	Mrs. Margaret Grady, 34 Highland Avenue	1947

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1955—Continued(WILLIAM H.) HODGKINS SCHOOL
Holland Street

Grade	Name and Residence	Began Service
	Edward L. Smith, Principal, 10 Francis Street	1930
4	Stella G. Bucknam, 7 Stowcroft Road, Arlington	1917
6	Helen B. Busher, 33 Bromfield Street	1943
6	John J. Madden, Cadet, 64 Vinal Avenue	1953
5	Carolyn E. Crockett, 38 Day Street	1923
4	Helen M. Merry, 119 College Avenue	1936
3	Gertrude O. Kohler, 24a Jackson Road	1931
3	Isabelle G. Porter, 36 College Avenue	1922
2	Mary M. Diskin, 5 Collings Circle, West Medford	1938
2	Abbie M. Brown, 36 College Avenue	1923
1	Doris F. Tomlinson, 6 Watson Street	1947
1	Helen B. Hesson, 64 Horne Road, Belmont	1930
1	Charlotte O'Brien, 61 Hall Avenue	1955
Kdgn.	Louise Gartland, 7 Craigie Circle, Cambridge	1926
Asst.	Corinne A. Cremins, 228 Kelton Street, Allston	1950

S. NEWTON CUTLER SCHOOL

Powder House Boulevard near Raymond Avenue

	Edward L. Smith, Principal, 10 Francis Street	1930
6	Mary A. Ahern, 62 Curtis Street	1928
6	Mrs. Minnie E. Lougee, 75 Moorland Road, Scituate	1922
6	Gladys R. Clark, Lowell Road, Concord	1926
5	Alice A. Libbey, 36 College Avenue	1919
5	Eugene J. Hayes, 581 Fellswey West, Medford	1951
5	Eugenia Carver, 119 College Avenue	1922
4	Evelyn J. Bucknam, 7 Stowcroft Road, Arlington	1943
4	°Mrs. Pauline O'Toole, 34 Leonard Street	1955
4	Mrs. Monira Blodgett, 8 Teele Avenue	1921
4	Eliza I. Patterson, 59 Ossipee Road	1919
3	Mrs. Mary D. Manning, 16 Fairmount Avenue	1945
3	Eileen M. Dewire, 80 Kirkland Street, Cambridge	1950
3	E. Mildred Cook, 119 College Avenue	1920
3	Alice W. Sullivan, 151 Beacon Street	1954
2	Alice J. McNally, 52 Vinal Avenue	1942
2	Pauline Emery, 36 College Avenue	1925
2	Nora F. Keniry, 158 Powder House Boulevard	1941
2	Rose Santosuosso, 11 Ossipee Road	1953
1	Mrs. Nancy G. Higgins, 34 North Street	1950
1	Muriel P. King, 148 Powder House Blvd.	1931
1	°Mrs. Sarah Talbot, 15 Teele Avenue	1954
1	Mildred M. Lougee, Gingerbread Hill, Marblehead	1928
1	Barbara Lee, 916 Broadway	1951
1	Eleanor E. Waldron, 135 Powder House Boulevard	1919
Kdgn.	Catherine M. Hagan, 351 Washington Street	1943
Kdgn.	Katherine R. Austin, 34 Ware Street	1945
Asst.	Mrs. Ada Mawhinney, 25 Walnut Street	1951
Asst.	Mrs. Alice B. Burkhart, 901 Broadway	1947

MARTHA PERRY LOWE SCHOOL

Morrison Avenue near Grove Street

	John W. Healey, Principal, 214 Powder House Boulevard	1931
4	Marion A. Cannon, 6 Cherry Street, Lexington	1928
4	Mrs. Katherine D. Millen, 108 Powder House Boulevard	1920
3	Clare A. Flanagan, 38 Sherborn Street, Arlington	1945
3	Ruth Brooks, 441 Lowell Street, Lexington	1943
2	Elizabeth M. Sliney, 1 Waterhouse Street, Cambridge	1925
2	Selena G. Wilson, 30 Hall Avenue	1922
1	Helen J. Dervan, 12 Ware Street, Cambridge	1928

EVENING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Thomas J. D. Horne, 357 Williams Street, Stoneham

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1955—Continued

Name and Residence		Began Service
SUPERVISORS AND SPECIAL TEACHERS		
SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY GRADES		
William J. Crotty, 52 Highland Road		1926
REMEDIAL READING		
A. Teresa Diotaiuti, Director		1942
MUSIC		
12-7 Paul O. Kelley, Director, 585 Broadway		1946
Arthur J. Bizier, 143 Park Drive, Boston		1953
William Howard, 17 Chetwynd Road		
ART		
Mrs. Elsie M. Guthrie, Director, 50 Bromfield Road		1919
PENMANSHIP		
6-1 Ruth L. Whitehouse, Supervisor, 123 Highland Avenue		1915
SEWING		
6-5 Mary Rhilinger, 48 Prince Street, Jamaica Plain		1926
6-5 Pia M. Fortini, 274 Willow Avenue		1930
6-5 Cornelia Dalaklis, 18 Cleveland Street		1948
MANUAL ARTS		
Melvin T. Carver, Supervisor, 247 Winthrop Street, Winthrop		1936
ATHLETICS		
Charles A. Dickerman, Director, 68 Nichols Road, Cohasset		1925
AUDIO - VISUAL AIDS		
Edward J. Harrington, Supervisor, 15 Bowdoin Street		1950
PHYSICAL INSTRUCTION		
John St. Angelo, Director, 109 Highland Avenue		1928
ATYPICAL		
Edward M. McCarty, Supervisor, 48 Upland Road		1939
Winifred M. Ford, Educational Tester, 83 Pearson Road		1927
Patricia Owens, Educational Tester, 36 Ash Avenue		1953
†Dorothy M. Leighton, 148 Lovell Road, Watertown		1936
*Eleanor J. Downey, 366 Broadway		1955
Mrs. Muriel H. Albanese, 7 Avon Street		1949
Margaret Connors, 5 Sherborn Court		1935
*Mrs. Dorothy Merrifield, 84 Bay State Avenue		1953
Mrs. Margaret E. Sullivan, 391 Broadway		1936
James Keefe, 16 Autumn Circle, Canton		1938
Wilson E. Whittaker, 135 Walnut Street		1949
Elena Alberghini, 18 White Street, Arlington		1943
Susanne Lombardi, 8 Mount Pleasant Street		1946
Donald Jones, 25 Concord Street, Maynard		1948
Katherine E. Dooley, 18 Bagnel Street, Allston		1950
Ruth Buttery, 9 Sanborn Avenue		1946
*Mrs. Louise Gordinier, 3 Union Street		1953

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1955—Continued

Name and Residence	Service Began
SIGHT SAVING	
Alice M. Hayes, 181 Central Street	1913
LIP READING	
Marion C. Moran, 42 Montrose Street	1929
THRIFT	
E. Bella Weisman, 78 Gibbs Street, Brookline	1921
Eva Palmer, Assistant, 24 Austin Street	1930
FIELD MUSIC	
Bart E. Grady, Jr., 123 Highland Avenue	1945
AMERICANIZATION	
Mary A. Whitney, Supervisor, 10 Dow Street	1916
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED	
Mrs. Blanche G. Crowell, 145 Highland Avenue	1928
Mrs. Madeleine Scammell, 216 Pleasant Street, Arlington	1951
AUDIOMETER	
Helen A. Moran, 14 Ware Street, Cambridge	1919
SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY	
Everett W. Ireland, 18 Day Street	
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	
Leo C. Donahue, 108 Summer Street	
CLERKS	
Marion E. Marshall, 62 Highland Avenue	
Regina Truelson, 23 Blackrock Road, Melrose	
Frances C. Geaton, 40 Highland Avenue	
William E. Hogan, 12 Richardson Road, Newton	
Mrs. Julia De Franco, 544 Main Street, Medford	
Claire F. McAnneny, 33 Pearson Road	
Mrs. Eileen M. Mahoney, 14 Madison Street	
Elizabeth E. Cassidy, 431a Broadway	
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOL CAFETERIAS	
*Mrs. Ann M. McCullough, 149 Easton Street, Lawrence	
Mrs. Mary McNamara, Clerk, 8 Bowers Avenue	
SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE	
James G. Hourihan, 225 Powder House Boulevard	
VISITING TEACHER	
Estelle M. Walsh, 25 Adams Street, Arlington	
CUSTODIAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE ROOMS	
Leo J. Callahan, 9 Spring Hill Terrace	
MATRON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ROOMS	
Mrs. Margaret M. Manning, 22 Berkeley Street	

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS, DECEMBER, 1955

School	Name	Residence
High	George A. Sullivan	275 Medford St.
High	John Mullaney	11 Stone Ave.
High	Robert Siggins	126 Albion St.
High	Leonard C. Mallette	27 Rogers Ave.
High	Andrew J. Curran	52 Montrose St.
High	Joseph Galbo	81 Grant St.
High	Joseph L. Kearns	80 Fremont St.
High, Central		
Heating Plant	Thomas Burns	248 Summer St.
High, Central		
Heating Plant	Dominick Benedetto	8 Parker Pl.
High, Central		
Heating Plant		
High, Central Heating	Michael P. Harrington	7 Lee St.
Prescott	John P. Driscoll	44 Montrose St.
Prescott	John J. Ronayne	37 Albion St.
Hanscom	William J. Hickey	9 Aberdeen Rd.
Bennett	Richard T. Sullivan	66 Gordon St.
Baxter	Edwin C. Lamkin	17 Grand View Ave.
Knapp	Harold F. Killam	5 Henry Ave.
Perry	Leo Antoncechi	30 Warwick St.
Southern Jr. High	George Kelley	10 Nevada Ave.
Southern Jr. High	Michael J. Reilly	31 Thurston St.
Southern Jr. High	William G. Hitch	8 Merriam St.
Glines	Frank J. Boyle	36 Greenville St.
Vocational	Elmer V. Santarasci	229 School St.
Vocational	Francis Gormley	253 Broadway
Vocational	Edward Leahy	32 Radcliffe Rd.
Grimmons	Harold MacCorkle	113 Heath St.
Northeastern Jr. High	Austin Albanese	7 Avon St.
Northeastern Jr. High	Fred Secard	18 Acadia Pk.
Northeastern Jr. High	James Gormley	178 Holland St.
Northeastern Jr. High	John F. O'Connell	40 Concord Ave.
Northeastern Jr. High	Thomas Conley	14 Cedar St.
Forster	Frank Regan	74 Avon St.
Forster Annex	Arthur F. Law	71 Park St.
Bingham	Walter W. Kennedy	508 Broadway
Carr	Joseph F. Kelley	86 Rogers Ave.
Morse	Stanley Pabian	3 Franklin Street
Proctor	Thomas J. Driscoll	12 Pleasant Ave.
Durell	Joseph Binari	47 Lowell St.
Burns	Anthony Liberatore	40 Curtis St., Reading
Brown	William Anderson	36 Rhode Island Ave.
Cholerton	Emilio P. Buccelli	16 Grant St.
Hodgkins	Cornelius Collins	49 Woods Ave.
Western Jr. High	Carl Marcotti	5 Derby St.
Western Jr. High	Edward Buckley	27 Pearson Rd.
Western Jr. High	George E. Babin	33 Vernon St.
Western Jr. High	Harry Dangora	13 Cameron Ave.
Cutler	Thurston W. Buchan	22 Richdale Ave.
Cutler	Antonio Severino	53 Sunset Rd.
Lowe	Thomas Copithorne	23 Gordon St.
Cummings	John Kiley	122 Heath St.
Ederly	John P. Lawn	38 Magnus Ave.

SCHOOL MATRONS

School	Name	Residence
High	Mrs. Margaret E. Burke	102 Perkins St.
High	Mrs. Marie Mahoney	12 Dickinson St.

REPORT OF THE SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

June 15, 1956

Mayor William J. Donovan
Mayor's Office
City Hall
Somerville, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Section 26U, Chapter 121 of the General Laws, enclosed is a copy of the Annual Report of the Somerville Housing Authority for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Very truly yours,

SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

AMLETO M. DIGIUSTO,
Executive Director

The Somerville Housing Authority held its Annual Meeting on January 12, 1955, and elected as officers for the year 1955, the following:—

MR. ALBERT F. FITZGERALD	Chairman
MR. CHARLES P. MAMAKOS	Vice-Chairman
MR. JOHN R. WISEMAN	Treasurer
MR. CHARLES P. MAMAKOS	Assistant Treasurer

Other members of the Board include Mr. Ernest E. Jennings, and Mr. Francis J. DiCiaccio.

Mr. Charles J. Murphy resigned as a Member of the Somerville Housing Authority in January of 1955, and on January 10, 1955, Mr. Charles P. Mamakos of 58 Boston Avenue, Somerville, Mass., was appointed to fill the unexpired term, which will end August 1, 1956.

PERSONNEL

Several changes have been made in the Administrative Personnel. At the beginning of the year, Mr. George F. Hickey was the Executive Director of the Authority. However, in March, in accordance with a decree of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Mr. Patrick C. Chessman was re-instated as Executive Director and Mr. Hickey's services were terminated. In February, Thomas P. Russell, Esq., was appointed as Counsel to the Authority.

In April, due to the growing complexity of the operations of the Authority, including those of the Urban Redevelopment Section, Mr. H. Ralph Taylor was appointed as Administrator of the Somerville Housing Authority with full responsibility for the Development and Operation of all projects, and all phases of all operations of the Authority. However, in July Mr. Taylor resigned in order to take up a new position as Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency for the City of New Haven, Connecticut.

On August 11th, Mr. William Houlihan, who had been functioning as Site Manager for the Urban Redevelopment Section was appointed the Acting Administrator of this Section.

Finally on December 19th, Mr. George E. Ryan was appointed Administrator of the Urban Redevelopment Section, to take effect January 3, 1956, with Mr. Houlihan reverting to his former status as Site Manager.

STATE-AIDED OLD AGE HOUSING

In January approval was received for eight sites for the program and in April, Edward Sears Read and Associates were retained by the Authority as architects.

LINDEN AVENUE PROPERTIES

During the course of the year all of these properties were disposed of by sale to private buyers.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance on the Federally-Aided Low-Cost Housing Project on Mystic Avenue continued at a very high quality level and was the subject of favorable comment by Federal Officials in their inspection report.

In the two state projects salary increases were granted to maintenance men. A full time painter was added to the staff of this project while one new man was hired as a general maintenance worker in the Federal Project.

Tenant co-operation in our two State-Aided Projects remained at a low ebb at the close of the year. Destruction of property by children continues, mostly at night, when our buildings are not covered by maintenance personnel. A firmer hand will be taken to place financial responsibility where it lies and to use evictions as a deterrent to future damage.

PROPOSED FEDERAL LOW-RENT PROJECT

On February 10, 1955, a Revised Development Program calling for a total development cost of \$470,075.00 was adopted. In August, Abbott Associates submitted Intermediate Architect's Plans which the Authority approved for submission to the Public Housing Administration. On September 8th, an Order of Taking for the land on Highland Avenue next to the American Legion Post #19 was adopted by the Authority. At year's end the Architects were putting the finishing touches on their plans and specifications preparatory to the Authority's putting the work out for bid.

TENANT STATISTICS

In January of 1955, there were a total of 682 apartments under the supervision of the Somerville Housing Authority. This number includes the 240 apartments in the State-Aided Veterans Project on Memorial Road; the 216 apartments in the State-Aided Veterans' Project at Clarendon Hill; the five duplex Veterans' homes on Linden Avenue; and the 216 apartments in the Federal Low-Rent Housing Project on Mystic Avenue. However, as previously reported, the five duplex houses on Linden Avenue were disposed of by year's end reducing the number of apartments to 672.

In the two State-Aided Projects the number of move-ins and move-outs amounted to 25 per cent of the total occupancy. In our Mystic Avenue State-Aided Project the average rent was \$50.50, while in our Clarendon Hill State-Aided Project the average rent was \$57.08. In our Federal Low-Cost Project the move-ins and move-outs amounted to approximately 10 per cent of total occupancy, while the average rent was \$40.00.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT

Significant progress was made during the year in the re-development of the Linwood-Joy Project Area. On January 24, 1955, an Order of Taking was filed. Negotiations with former property owners began immediately and at year's end the Authority had acquired by deed 104 parcels out of a total of 153; demolition of 30 structures was completed; 151 families were relocated into decent, safe and sanitary accommodations.

Preliminary advertising for the sale of project land was begun in August, which has generated notable interest in the area amongst industrial and commercial redevelopers.

RECREATION

On Saturday mornings throughout the Spring and Fall and all through the Summer months the Somerville Recreation Commission conducted an all-round playground for the children in our two Mystic Avenue Projects. The conduct of this program has been a source of satisfaction both to the Recreation Commission and to the Authority.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Our relations with His Honor Mayor Donovan and the City Government have been most satisfactory. Their co-operation has been of immeasurable help to us and we are most grateful. During 1955 we contributed to the City of Somerville the sum of \$16,416.00 as payment in lieu of taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Albert F. Fitzgerald,
Chairman

**SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
REVOLVING FUND**

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1955

Assets		
Cash in Bank	\$11,830.96	
Petty Cash	100.00	
		11,930.96
Accounts Receivable—200-1	3,764.09	
" " —200-2	4,278.63	
" " — 31-1	3,695.22	
" " — 31-2	86.73	
" " —UR 8-1	1,080.37	
" " —Sundry	364.00	
		13,269.04
TOTAL ASSETS		\$25,200.00

Liabilities		
Accounts Payable—200-1	8,700.00	
" " —200-2	8,000.00	
" " — 31-1	5,000.00	
" " — 31-2	1,000.00	
" " —UR 8-1	2,500.00	
		25,200.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$25,200.00

**SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
SOMERVILLE '200-1 MASS.**

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1955

Assets

Development Fund—First National—Boston..	\$24,241.53	
Administration Fund—Somerville National ..	30,573.34	
" " —Middlesex Federal Sav-		
ings	30,537.12	
" " —Central Co-op. Bank..	14,258.22	
Revolving Fund—Somerville National	8,700.00	
Cash Over and Short	4.88	
		109,315.09
Tenants' Accounts Receivable		2,690.90
Investment - 2½ % U.S. Bonds Due Aug./63	25,000.00	
Plus—Accrued Interest	95.45	
		25,095.45
Accounts Receivable—Administration		122.00
Debt Service Fund	24,187.50	
Investment—Debt Service Trust Fund	35,000.00	
Debt Service Trust Fund	5,163.85	
		64,351.35
Prepaid Insurance		1,070.49
Development Costs	2,258,000.00	
Less—Dev. Cost Liquidation	108,000.00	
		2,150,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$2,352,645.28</u>

Liabilities

Accrued Insurance		4,579.07
Accounts Payable—Administration	3,771.09	
Accounts Payable—Development	23,368.36	
		27,139.45
Tenants' Prepaid Rents	212.24	
Tenants' Security Deposits	2,140.00	
		2,352.24
Bonds Authorized	2,258,000.00	
Less—Bonds Retired	108,000.00	
		2,150,000.00
Matured Interest and Principal	43,187.50	
Debt Service Reserve	23,301.00	
Unamortized Bond Premium	40,163.85	
Reduction of Annual Contribution	4,907.34	
Operating Reserve	61,666.11	
		175,225.80
Net Income (See Operating Statement)		(6,651.28)
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>\$2,352,645.28</u>

SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
SOMERVILLE 200-2 MASS.

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1955

Assets

Development Fund—National Shawmut	\$73,851.73	
Premium Fund—National Shawmut	4,593.00	
Administration Fund—Somerville National ..	46,646.52	
Administration Fund—Savings—Winter Hill S & L	31,537.12	156,628.37
Investments—U. S. Bills Due 8-15-56 @ 100 3-64		165,000.00
Indeterminate Expenditures	102,173.02	
Accounts Receivable—Administration	47,952.96	
" " —Tenants'	3,847.54	
" " —Development	36.00	
" " —Administration— (Rcv. Fund)	8,000.00	
Cash Over and Short	9.72	
		182,019.24
Development Costs		2,930,521.24
Incompleted Contracts		1,923.29
Prepaid Insurance		1,602.13
TOTAL ASSETS		\$3,417,694.27

Liabilities

Accounts Payable—Development	150,118.98	
" " —Administration	4,278.63	
Contract Retentions	28,308.29	182,705.90
Unearned Premium		95,241.37
Operating Reserve		17,194.71
Notes Authorized	3,070,000.00	
Less—Notes Unissued	245,000.00	
		2,825,000.00
Interest Accrued		75,333.33
Tenants' Prepaid Rents	131.50	
Tenants' Security Deposits	2,450.00	
		2,581.50
Contract Awards		1,923.29
Net Income		217,714.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$3,417,694.27

**SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRACT B-82 - MASS. 31-1**

BALANCE SHEET — APRIL 30, 1956

Assets

General Fund	\$91,137.05	
Change Fund	50.00	
Debt Service Fund	35,946.25	
Advance Amortization Fund	983.91	
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		128,117.21
Advances to Revolving Fund		5,000.00
Land, Structures and Equipment		2,809,132.55
Uncompleted Contracts		5,257.69
Accounts Receivable—Tenants'		2,254.08
Insurance Deposits	1,083.15	
Prepaid Insurance	2,029.60	
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		3,112.75
Accounts Receivable—PHA Annual Contri- bution		95,507.89
Prepaid Fuel Inventory		839.38
Cash Over and Short		16.00
Sundry Deferred Charges		280.50
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TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>\$3,049,518.05</u></u>

Liabilities

Tenants' Prepaid Rents	155.30	
Tenants' Security Deposits	2,160.00	
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		2,315.30
Contract Retentions		45,000.00
Accounts Payable—Sundry		2,847.65
Accrued Interest Payable—Bonds		36,311.25
Bonds Issued	2,830,000.00	
Less—Bonds Retired	102,000.00	
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		2,728,000.00
Unamortized Bond Premium		15,566.42
Contract Awards		5,257.69
Unreserved Surplus		(162,690.39)
Surplus—P.H.A. Annual Contribution		276,330.89
Accured Insurance	919.64	
Accrued Pilot	8,913.02	
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		9,832.66
Allowance for Depreciation		86,626.99
Operating Reserve		4,964.20
Income		(844.61)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u><u>\$3,049,518.05</u></u>

SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRACT NO. B-82 MASS. 31-2

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1955

Assets

General Fund	\$90,501.42	
Change Fund	50.00	
Debt Service Fund	36,002.53	
Advance Amortization Fund	983.91	
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Advances to Revolving Fund		127,537.86
Land, Structures and Equipment		5,000.00
Uncompleted Contracts		2,809,049.25
Accounts Receivable—Tenants'		5,957.69
Insurance Deposits	1,083.15	2,018.91
Prepaid Insurance	2,417.82	
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		3,500.97
Accounts Receivable — P. H. A. Annual Con- tribution		102,919.01
Prepaid Fuel Inventory		1,121.41
Cash Over and Short		6.00
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TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$3,057,111.10</u>

Liabilities

Accured Utilities		1,306.46
Tenants' Prepaid Rents	75.00	
Tenants' Security Deposits	2,150.00	
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		2,225.00
Contract Retentions		45,000.00
Accounts Payable—Sundry		3,695.22
Accrued Interest Payable—Bonds		46,850.70
Bonds Issued	2,830,000.00	
Less—Bonds Retired	57,000.00	
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		2,773,000.00
Unamortized Bond Premium		15,976.06
Contract Awards		5,957.69
Unreserved Surplus		(43,950.40)
Surplus—P.H.A. Annual Contribution		207,545.76
Accured Insurance		647.35
Accured Pilot		8,130.12
Allowance for Depreciation		17,277.75
Operating Reserve		4,964.20
Income		(31,514.81)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>\$3,057,111.10</u>

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